

The Daymarker



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From the Commodore:



Greetings, OYCI!

As Phase I of reopening the state begins in earnest, I am encouraged that we are now able to at least see one another in limited numbers and get out on our boats. I ask that we continue to respect our members' level of comfort when it comes to rafting up or gathering in groups. Virginia is still reinforcing no more than 10 people in a group at any given time so please keep an eye on the regulations for each state in the DMV and beyond. I want to ensure we are doing all we can to keep each other safe.

Clearly our season has been greatly affected by quarantine/COVID restrictions. Rest assured your board is working on ways/ideas to keep our membership strong and participatory. Our cruise coordinators are flexing constantly. Sadly, the Carolina cruise had to be postponed. Thank you Debbie and Tony for working so hard on this. The Solomon's cruise later in the summer is under review by Jerry as the Old Dominion concert has been canceled. Bruno is pulling the southern bay cruise together - with possible changes in length and marinas. The event schedule has been updated on the website. Please keep an eye on

the cruise schedule and any messages from Steve or Karen regarding changes in water and land events.

The Millie Gael got underway over Memorial Day weekend on her first cruise south. So we'll call this part of my article - *The Adventures of the Millie Gael!* Bruno and I started on our trip down the Potomac River to Colton's Point, Maryland on a beautiful Saturday morning. Colton's Point Marina is located in a scenic, sleepy little area tucked into an inlet off the Potomac. St. Clement's Island is the landmark to make note of that you're getting close! Colton's Point is scant in its offerings of things to do; but the folks who work and keep their boats at the marina are welcoming and very helpful. We spent one night there before we went gunkholing through the side bays of the Potomac on our way to the Yeocomico River. We took a lovely ride into scenic Breton Bay toward Leonardtown, MD. This area is full of so much history. We definitely want to visit Leonardtown and St. Mary's on our next trip south. We enjoyed a delightful lunch cruise in this sweet little bay before turning south to Olverson's Marina on the Yeocomico River. We typically have had work done on our boats at White Point Marina howev-

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Special points of interest:

- June 27 - Tim's Not the 4th Cruise - Mattawoman
- July 3 - Happy Hour - TBD
- July 3-5 - 4th of July Cruise - Capital Yacht Club



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er, Rob is not open for transients right now. Last year, the Corinthians Yacht Club gave us a great recommendation to have our new props, trim tabs, and stuffing boxes worked on at Krentz Boatyard - a short shot across Lodge Creek from Olverson's Marina. After docking at Olverson's, a largish marina that can accommodate big boats, we checked in with Mr. Fred Olverson himself. He is an amazing man - a wealth of knowledge and incredibly friendly. His father was one of the early marina owners in the area. Fred made our stay easy and gave us further suggestions for exploring the area on future trips. He has three courtesy cars he lends to transients for their use to go into Callao for supplies. The marina is merely 6 minutes from our favorite Mexican restaurant in the area, Los Portales. Yep, margaritas, enchiladas, and tacos for dinner on Memorial Day! Though Olverson's can accommodate big boats, they do not have very many empty slips and the docks are fixed. A great place for a short overnight on your way to the bay but perhaps not for an OYC cruise destination. Tuesday we headed across the creek for our haul out. I

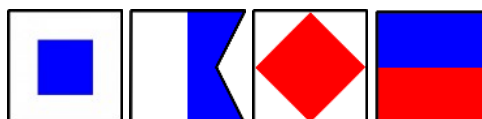
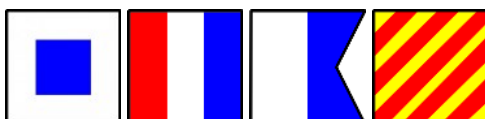
would be remiss if I did not gush about the service we received at Krentz Boatyard. Bob, Doug, and Marion are a hoot and work so hard to get your boat perfect. We spent all day in the sling as they corrected some "issues" with Millie Gael. She now runs like a top! They too, have a courtesy car you can use to grab lunch while you're waiting. We again took advantage of Los Portales as it was Taco Tuesday. This part of Virginia is very rural - some businesses (Los Portales) are following COVID regulations to a T, others not so much. Please be prepared for the lack of cohesiveness in restrictions and policies. With the work finished, we headed back up river to Belmont Bay on calm waters and light breezes. A lovely weekend exploring new places and meeting new people!

Feel free to share your boating experiences with Steve or John. It's helpful to note businesses and locations we'd like to visit (or not visit) in the future.

I look forward to seeing you on the water!

Cheers to you all!

Susan Millonig
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From the Vice Commodore:



Seems like news about the pandemic is a never-ending barrage of information. I'm not sure who or what to believe but I know I don't want to become a statistic. We've been trying to maintain our distance, wear a mask as appropriate, and limit contact with our fellow Virginians. I hope that all of you have been safe and staying reasonably sane.

To assist in maintaining some semblance of sanity there was recent good news. It was a little more than a week ago the governor of Maryland eased up on recreational boating restrictions and allowed adult playtime on

the Potomac River again. We were busy the first "free" weekend but made up for it over the Memorial Day weekend with a couple of nights on the hook - by ourselves Saturday and rafted up with a few OYC boats Sunday. It was great to be back on the water.

That said, our OYC schedule remains a work in progress. The latest cancellation was the Beer, Bourbon, BBQ Festival, which the Trigger Agency has postponed until summer 2021. The other delayed Trigger Agency event (12th Annual National Wine and Food Festival) is still planned for Saturday & Sunday, September 5-6. Debbie Tucceri has been regularly updating those who signed up for the Carolina

Cruise on its status. After feedback from participants she recently decided to cancel and try again next year. The other June event that may still go as scheduled is Tim's "Not the 4th" planned for Saturday, 27 June. If Tim's decides to go ahead with the event look for a message providing some basic coordination instructions. Also remember that the 4th of July is still a possibility. If you are interested go to Capital Yacht Club's website and click on the Reservations link to reserve a slip.

See you out on the river.

Cheers,

Steve Preda
Vice Commodore
Anamchara



From the Rear Commodore:



I guess you know, or have assumed by now that the summer land event scheduled for June 7 had to be cancelled. As of this writing Northern Virginia has not even entered Phase I of the staggered reopening and we can't be in groups of more than 10 so it's impossible to have a group event now. I'm disappointed but looking forward to the future and I will continue to plan events as much as I can. I'm still hoping to restart happy hours as soon as it's safe to do so.

On a happier note our boating life is beginning to come back little by little. Dave and I, along with Al and Jun Stewart, went to St Michaels on Maryland's Eastern Shore over Memorial Day weekend. Al and Jun celebrated their 39th wedding anniversary and we met up with old friends we hadn't seen in awhile. We had a great time and it felt wonderful to get back out there on the Potomac and the beautiful Bay. While stores and restaurants were not open as usual we were not disappointed. Food and drink from several area restaurants was delivered right to our boat. The waiters, waitresses, and

St Michaels staff ran their tails off accommodating everyone. Most stores and shops were open so as long as we wore a mask and practiced social distancing. It was well worth the trip. I encourage any of you feeling the Covid blahs and desire a trip to give it a try. St Michael's is a gem!

See you all soon,

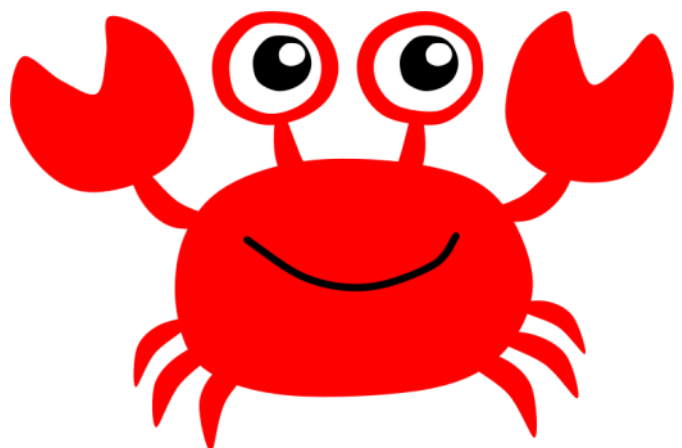
Cheers,

*Karen Hart
Rear Commodore
Hart-2-Hart*

From Treasurer:



Beginning balance: \$9,291.70
Income (1 Renewal): \$135.00
Expenses: \$342.35
PayPal Fee
Event Prep Expense
New Balance: \$9,084.35



From the Webmaster:



Now that the 2020 season is ramping up and we are practicing social distancing, remember 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 so do not be discouraged if your picture(s) is not immediately selected. Just keep checking the web-site for updates. Just send your picture to webmaster@occoquanyachtclub.com.

Also I would like to remind and encourage everyone to make sure your information is updated in the on-line club directory for the new year. Many members do not have profile pictures. Having a current profile picture of the captain and first mate helps us all recognize each other. Updating your profile is easy, just sign-on to <http://occoquanyachtclub.com/> click on "Your

Profile" then click the "Edit Membership" link and update your profile information and picture. Also remember to print your OYC membership card for the 2020 season while updating your profile. Just click on the "Display Your ID Card" button and print your ID card. You can even print the membership directory for a quick on hand reference to keep on your boat. Click on the "Club Directory" link on the home page then click the "Print Directory" button.

If you are having any issues with website access or want to join the OYC Members Only Facebook just email me at webmaster@occoquanyachtclub.com.

Safe boating is happy boating!!

William Dornetto

Webmaster

Nauti-Buoys

This happened to us:

Just thought I'd leave a quick note to all of our OYC members on how quickly a nice day on the water can turn into a near tragedy. Debbie and I went for a quick spin on Tranquility Base on a nice Easter Day only to return to the dock just as the wind was picking up. The mean wind velocity wasn't too bad for docking but the quick, sharp gusts made docking a little more challenging than usual. Just as I pulled into the slip and I thought we were close enough to the finger pier, Debbie jumped off the boat to grab the dock lines. But, she slipped on the dock and fell into the cold water between the finger pier and the boat. As I rushed back to the transom, I couldn't find Debbie. The wind had pushed the boat back into the slip and I didn't see Deb at first. Fortunately, I located her

and grabbed her but I didn't have enough upper body strength to pull her onto the swim platform. She was quickly becoming hypothermic and was having difficulty holding onto the boat and the dock. It finally dawned on me to go back into the boat and grab the life ring. Fortunately Debbie had the presence of mind to tell me to lower the swim ladder, which I did. But the swim ladder rails have not been greased this season and the ladder took a long time to get down. Finally, I got it all the way down and was able to get Debbie back onto the boat. Deb said that just as I was pulling her up the ladder that she thought she was going to drown. We got Deb down below and put a fleece and a wind breaker on her. After she had time to gather her breath and her strength, we were able

to walk to our home in Belmont Bay where she took a hot shower, drank some orange juice and ate a cookie rich in sugar, and finally had a cup of tea. She is doing well but we are both shaken a bit.

While there were plenty of folks working on their boats on our dock, I never had the presence of mind to yell for help. Both Debbie and I are experienced sailors and boaters. We've been boating together for almost 40 years. But, no matter how good and well prepared we are, events like this happen in a blink of an eye.

Please be careful out there!

Carl Schaefer

Tranquility Base

From Membership:



Hello Members! It is great to see people finally being able to get on the water. We are very hopeful that our cruises can begin soon! We are currently 51 memberships strong! This includes 37 family, 5 individual, 4 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 haven't already uploaded a photo please do so, it really helps members place a boat and face with a name. You can upload your photo very easily by logging into the website at www.occoquanyachtclub.com, go to Your Profile, scroll down towards the bottom, browse and upload a photo. It will now appear in the directory. 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:



Hi folks! it's time for our annual reminder about the upcoming hurricane season, it seems we're off to an early start this year. :-(

As you know, the hurricane season extends from June 1st through November 30th. The civilian hurricane warning service for the North Atlantic is provided by the National Hurricane Center, Miami, Florida. The center collates ship, aircraft, radar, and satellite data to produce and issue tropical cyclone warnings and forecasts for the North Atlantic Ocean, including the Caribbean Sea and the Gulf of Mexico.

Four alerts are issued:

(a) TROPICAL STORM WATCH - An announcement that sustained winds of 34 to 63 knots (39 to 73 mph or 63 to 118 km/hr) are possible within the specified area within 48 hours in association with a tropical, subtropical, or post-tropical cyclone.

(b) TROPICAL STORM WARNING - An announcement that sustained winds of 34 to 63 knots (39 to 73 mph or 63 to 118 km/hr) are expected somewhere within the specified area within 36 hours in association with a tropical, subtropical, or post-tropical cyclone.

(c) HURRICANE WATCH - An announcement that sustained winds of 64 knots (74 mph or 119 km/hr) or higher are possible within the specified area in association with a tropical, subtropical, or post-tropical cyclone. Because hurricane preparedness activities become difficult once winds reach tropical storm force, the hurricane watch is issued 48 hours in advance of the anticipated onset of tropical storm force winds.

(d) HURRICANE WARNING - An announcement that sustained winds of 64 knots (74 mph or 119 km/hr) or higher are expected somewhere within the specified area in association with a tropical, subtropical, or post-tropical cyclone. Because hurricane preparedness activities become difficult once winds reach tropical storm force, the

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warning is issued 36 hours in advance of the anticipated onset of tropical-storm-force winds. The warning can remain in effect when dangerously high water or a combination of dangerously high water and waves continue, even though winds may be less than hurricane force.

Stay tuned for updates from the National Hurricane Center and be prepared!

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.

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

John Draper
Editor
Mi Amor





Vicky Carr - June 2
Michael Clark - June 30
Tom Deputy - June 12
Judy Dooley - June 10
Karla Justice - June 22
Charley Justice - June 21
Mark Lawton - June 27
Mary Jo Worcester - June 15

George & Kay Baird - June 17
Dave & Karen Hart - June 25
Bruno & Susan Millonig - June 1
Christian & Alison Rose - June 4
Curtis & Gill Stokes - June 30
Jerry & Susan Tarasek - June 1
Steve & Mary Jo Worcester - June 21



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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