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From the Commodore:



I hope everyone had a fantastic and Happy Thanksgiving. On 21 November we had an abridged, Board-only version of our traditional Change of Watch at the Bottle Stop Wine Bar in Occoquan. It's a great little venue and if you have not visited in the past you should give it a try. A huge Thank You to Immediate Past Commodore Susan Millonig for her perseverance

and dedication that certainly made Lemonade out of the Covid-lemons we were burdened with for most of 2020. We had some great cruises, raft-ups, land events, and happy hours! Thanks again to each and every member who contributed to making each event such a success. Congratulations to Jerry Sanders who achieved a trifecta by winning all three achievement awards - Golden Snorkel, Slippery Dinghy, and Bent Prop. Also, congratulations to Brian Field who was awarded the Commodore's Cup, an honor given annually to the club member not on the Board who distinguished themselves through significant contributions to the club. And finally, thank you to Board Members who have relinguished positions and congratulations to our new Board- those who fleeted up, remained in place, or assumed one of the Administrative Management Positions. Your Board is already rolling up their sleeves and working on a land/cruise schedule that will hopefully have multiple events that everyone will find interesting and worth participating in. Also hoping that Covid will have less of an impact than in 2020. As in years past we will generate a draft event/cruise schedule and share for comment at the pre-plan fest and follow with final review at the March General Membership Meeting. Please take a hard look when you receive the event/cruise schedule. Your feedback and recommendations are always welcome. Also consider signing up as one of the cruise coordinators. Not a heavy lift by any stretch of the imagination and you will thoroughly enjoy leading the way.

Cheers Steve Preda Commodore Anamchara



Special Point of Interest:

★ Pay 2020 dues at "Your Profile," <u>OYC website</u>



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From the Vice Commodore:



Greetings to all. As I write this the leaves are falling, and everyone is putting the finishing touches on their Thanksgiving preparations. Personally, I'm learning about diesel engines and my new boat as I complete the dreaded winterization. This boat is my seventh and, as we all know are

different and have a unique personality. This year has been the most trying that I can remember because of the ongoing coronavirus. The 2020 event calendar started with some great cruises such as the July 4th and Southern Bay cruises, but as the pandemic restrictions started multiplying and marinas limited or refused to accept transients, our cruise events to far off ports had to be cancelled. However, our club is resilient and had local raft ups and, thanks to the heroic efforts of our past and present rear commodore, Karen Hart, a successful land event season. But 2020 is behind us and I've started putting together the 2021 event schedule. Hopefully, things will start getting back to normal and marinas and ports of call will welcome us again. Besides the traditional places we visit, suggestions for new places are welcomed and encouraged.

Jerry Sandors Vice Commodore





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From the Rear Commodore:





Hello OYC! By the time you read this you will have more than likely stuffed yourselves with turkey and fixin's like me and are now gearing up for Christmas. As our next official land event isn't until March I don't have much to report. Sadly, there won't be a December happy hour. I was able to pull off a few happy hours the last few months because we could be outdoors, but now, due to COVID concerns and cold weather I can't do that. All we can do is take this one month at a time but happy hours will be back stronger than ever. I promise. Until we meet again stay safe and enjoy the holidays!

Karen Hart Rear Commodore



From the Quartermaster:

Need a great idea for a Christmas gift? Pick a monogrammed or embroidered shirt, hat, etc., from the <u>OYC Catalogue</u> page. Or...for a \$5 stocking stuffer, check out our old inventory:

- 4- visors and one ugly hat
- 3- canvas totes (1 red and 2 blue)
- 2- women's polo's (L: one red, one It grey)
- 5- regular T-shirts (red L; white L; 3 navy L)
- 9- soft T-shirts (BOGO: 3-grey XL, L, M; 3-lt blue XL,
- M, S v-neck; 2-red M, S v-neck; 1-slate L)
- 3-lounging pants (plaid; 2-kids 6-8; 1-kids 10-12)

Email me if interested.

Bob Carr Quartermaster



Hardy Souls Cruise

Well our Halloween/Hardy Souls Cruise to The Yards Marina, sadly the last cruise of 2020, turned out to be quite fun. The weather for the end of October was chilly as expected but did not damper our ghostly spirits! I believe we ended up with 10 boats in attendance and also some members that joined us.



by land. Thanks to all who came and helped make this trip a success! Our activities included a yummy welcome drink (see recipe below) and docktails, dinner at Due South restaurant, a walk to EasternMarket with a pit stop at Bluejacket brewery, great Halloween costumes, a chili dog fest, a few Halloween games and prizes, and The Legend of Sleepy Hollow for movie night. Special thanks to Bob and Vicky Carr for the chili dog idea. It was perfect for a Halloween celebration and everything was delicious!

If this drink has a name I don't know it but it's a favorite of our's around this time of year. Let's just call it...

OYC Hardy Souls 2020 Drink

 bottle Martinelli's Sparkling Apple Cider
1/2 cup cinnamon schnapps
1/2 cup bourbon whiskey

Pour over ice and enjoy!











From the Treasurer:



Ledger as of November 11, 2020:

Income (2021 Membership and COW Venue Refund)\$1,212.00Expenses (PayPal, Awards, Membership Event)\$947.09Balance\$8,185.69

There are two ways to pay for your 2021 Membership:

- 1) PayPal at the bottom of your profile to renew
- 2) Mail a check to:

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Dave Hart Treasurer

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.

Happy Holidays, Debbie Tucceri Membership Chair







From the Daymarker Editors:

Ahoy Mates, we are excited to be your new editors. We will continue to copy pictures from Facebook, so please upload as many as you can! This is your newsletter, so let us know if you would like us to add any new features.

Happy Holidays,

Mike and Barbara Bruhn Editors



Comedy Corner:

This is the actual transcript of a radio transmission between a British Navy ship and the Irish Coastguard, off the coast of Kerry.

Irish: Please divert course 15 degrees south, to avoid collision.

<u>British</u>: Recommend you divert course 15 degrees north to avoid collision.

Irish: Negative. You have to divert your course 15 degrees south to avoid collision.

<u>British</u>: This is the Captain of a British Ship. I say again, divert YOUR course.

Irish: Negative. I say again, you have to divert YOUR course.

<u>British</u>: THIS IS THE LARGEST SHIP IN THE BRITISH FLEET. WE ARE ACCOMPANIED BY 3 DESTROYERS, 3 CRUISERS, AND NUMEROUS SUPPORT SHIPS. I DEMAND THAT YOU CHANGE YOUR COURSE 15 DEGREES NORTH, OR COUNTERMEASURES WILL BE UNDERTAKEN TO ENSURE THE SAFETY OF THIS FLOTILLA.

Irish: THIS IS A LIGHTHOUSE YOUR CALL!





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 <u>www.BoatUS.com/Join</u> 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 <u>www.BoatUS.com/Renew</u>.

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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











