



# The Daymarker

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## From the Commodore:



What a great weekend! Bruno, Lulu and I just got home from our fantastic OYC land event - it was absolutely wonderful to see so many of you! Karen Hart - you knocked it out of the park! The food was so delicious, our mixologists, Michelle and Mike kept the blender and the crush machine running, and the lawn games were super fun! Yes, Johnny, you'll get that Jenga rematch! My heart was so happy to see so many friends I've missed these many months of COVID. Lots of laughter and smiles! The double movie feature was icing on the cake - in spite of the drizzle (we're boaters, right?!). Bud Bishop - you've got the projector and sound down to a science. OYC was out in force and we may have even found a few new members who saw all the fun we were having at the Belmont Bay gazebo! Many thanks to everyone who helped set up for the event. Our member volunteers are absolutely the best - you are valued and appreciated more than you can ever know.

Next month is our October Membership Meeting. Karen is planning another

outdoor gathering and will release that information very soon. We have our slate in place for the election - thank you IPC Wayne. Another strong board is waiting in the wings to take OYC into 2021. Please see Dave Hart's article in this month's Daymarker for a special announcement for our returning 2020 members. Thank you all for hanging in there with us as we navigated these uncharted waters these many months. We've managed to salvage some land and water events, and I know 2021 promises to be a wonderful boating year for our club.

As Fall continues in all its glory - be sure to take advantage of warm days and cool nights on the water. We have some of the best boating right in our backyards. I'm looking forward to the Hardy Souls cruise as well as a few more raft-ups in Mattawoman before we put our boats to bed for their winter's nap. I hope to see you out on the river!

Cheers!

*Susan Millonig*  
*Commodore*  
*Millie Gael*

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### Special points of interest:

- Oct. 2 - Happy Hour, Occoquan Harbour Marina, 5 pm.
- Oct. 9 - 12, Shark Tooth Raft-up & Colonial Beach Cruise
- Oct. 18 - General Membership Meeting, Hoffmaster's Marina, 1 pm.
- Oct. 30 - Nov 1 - Hardy Soul's Cruise, The Yards Marina



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## From the Vice Commodore:



I hope everyone is enjoying the cooler weather and making the most of their fall boating opportunities. Spring and fall are our most favorite times to boat. Hanging on the hook with a cool breeze or sleeping without the generator/AC on is always a treat although 20+ knot winds while on the hook at Mattawoman the other day got my attention. Glad our fortress anchor held through the night.

Congratulations to Rear Commodore Karen Hart and her husband (and Treasurer) Dave for planning and orchestrating the outstanding fall land event held at Belmont Bay on 26 September. It was well organized and attended. I'm sure everyone had a great time as well as a great TexMex meal. And who can forget the evening's show (My Spy & RV) produced and directed by the highly acclaimed Bud's Productions. Thanks to all who contributed to a fun evening!

The Club's event schedule is starting to gain traction. On the heels of the fall land event we have several outstanding land and cruise events teed up for October. Following Happy Hour on

2 October we have the Columbus Day Weekend Cruise to Shark Tooth Island/Colonial Beach (Bud Bishop Coordinator), the General Membership Meeting planned for 18 October, and The Yards Marina Halloween Cruise (Karen Hart Coordinator) 30 October through 1 November.

A note on the Change of Watch. After careful consideration and with an abundance of caution your board has elected to conduct the event in a socially distanced manner. The COW will still occur in November but the only in-person attendees will be the current and on-boarding board members. The event will be broadcast, the details of which will be distributed in the near future.

If you are interested in filling one of the Club's Administrative Management positions (e.g. Webmaster, Quartermaster) please contact me directly.

Hope everyone has a safe and enjoyable October.

Cheers

*Steve Preda*  
*Vice Commodore*  
*Anamchara*

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## From the Rear Commodore:



Hello Members!

Thank you to all who attended the Fall Land Event at Belmont

Bay on Sep 26th. It was wonderful to see each and every one of you and I was thrilled with the turn out. My only regret is it wasn't long enough as I wanted to play more games so hopefully we can do this again in the future. I hesitate to start naming names as I don't want to leave anyone out but special thanks go out to Harbormaster Jim Brooks for allowing us to use the marina pavilion and lawn for our event; my husband Dave for all his continued help and support; and the board members for their help in setting up and tearing down. None of this can happen without you guys behind me! Thank you Bud Bishop for all his hard work in making movie night a success; Ally Field for the popcorn machine; Heidi Bishop, Deb Kent, and Susan Millonig for bringing fun lawn games, Michelle DeDitius for the drink machine and fantastic margaritas; and Mike Bruhn for his famous orange and grapefruit crushes. That was an added bonus so thank you Mike! OYC rocks!

Moving on to happy hour, I

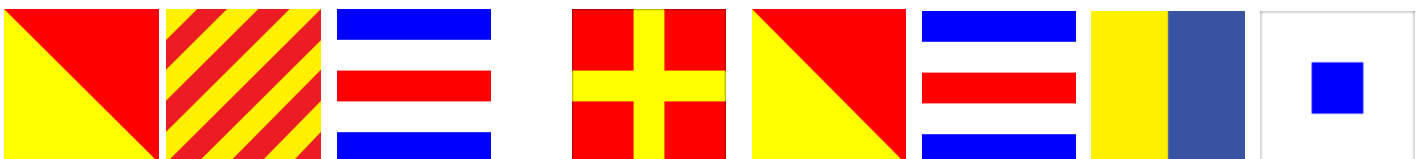
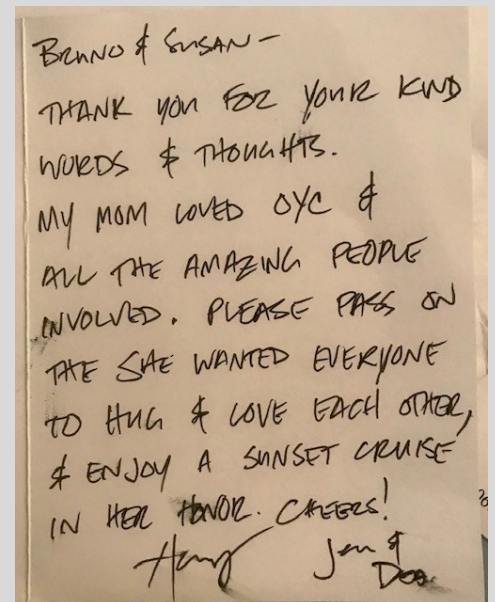
know we just had an event but as the first Friday in October falls this week on the 2nd, we'll have happy hour at Occoquan Harbour Marina, 13180 Marina Way, Woodbridge, Harbour Grille at 5:00. If anyone is interested in having this on the docks instead please let me know.

October 18, General Membership Meeting, Chili Cookoff and Photo Contest, Hoffmaster's Marina, 1214 Swan Point Rd, Woodbridge, 1:00 - 4:00. At this time I plan on having this meeting but COVID fears and weather make this event tricky for me. In the past we've always had our meeting indoors but that's not going to work this year. I'm planning on having it in a mostly outdoor setting but I'm unsure on whether you want to attend and participate in our annual chili cook-off. I'll be asking for RSVP's soon so please watch for that and your responses will help me determine whether you wish to have this event or not. I'm happy to do it but I need your input as to whether it's a yes or a no.

Cheers,

*Karen Hart  
Rear Commodore  
Hart-2-Hart*

## From the Croft Family:



## From Membership:



Hello fellow OYC members! It's hard to believe our "on the water" time is rapidly coming to an end. Fortunately our club members will still have opportunities to get together during the winter months. This is one of the great advantages of being a member! If you know of anyone who wants to join our amazing club, please share my contact information with them or send me their information and I will contact them directly. If you have any questions about your membership, please don't hesitate to ask me. I look forward to seeing you soon.

*Debbie Tucceri  
OYC Membership Chair  
Did It Our Way*



## 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](mailto:webmaster@occoquanyachtclub.com) to get connected. Let's get connected and have fun boating.

**Always boat safely!!**

*William Dornetto  
Webmaster  
Nauti-Buoys*

## From the Treasurer:



The 2020 Boating Season has been truly unique and challenging due to the COVID-19 outbreak and governmental restrictions imposed on Virginia and Maryland boaters. As such we have not had the opportunity to conduct many scheduled events for this season. The club has an annual budget that takes into account all the events offset against the membership dues. However, some events did not occur as planned and subsequently we did not spend the funds we had committed for those events. There are expenses we incur every year, such as PO Box rental, PRWYC membership dues, etc., and we need to have funds available next year to continue to pay those expenses.

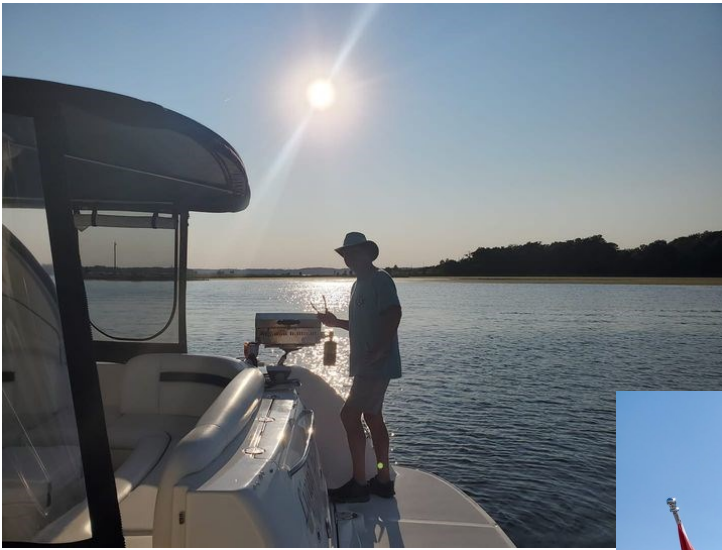
With the intent to start the 2021 boating season at the same financial starting point as we started this year, we feel it is only fair to discount rates to the current active 2020 members for the 2021 season. This is not a permanent change, but just for the upcoming year. So if you are a current member you can renew your membership for the 2021 season as follows:

Type	Current	Discount	For 2021
Associate	\$30	\$30	\$0
Individual	\$85	\$50	\$35
Family	\$135	\$65	\$70

Any returning members that were not active in 2020 and all new members will still have to pay the regular rate of \$30 for Associate, \$85 for Individual, and \$135 for a Family membership.

Once the website is ready to be used to renew your current membership we will notify you via email blast and The Daymarker.

*Dave Hart  
Treasurer  
Hart-2-Hart*



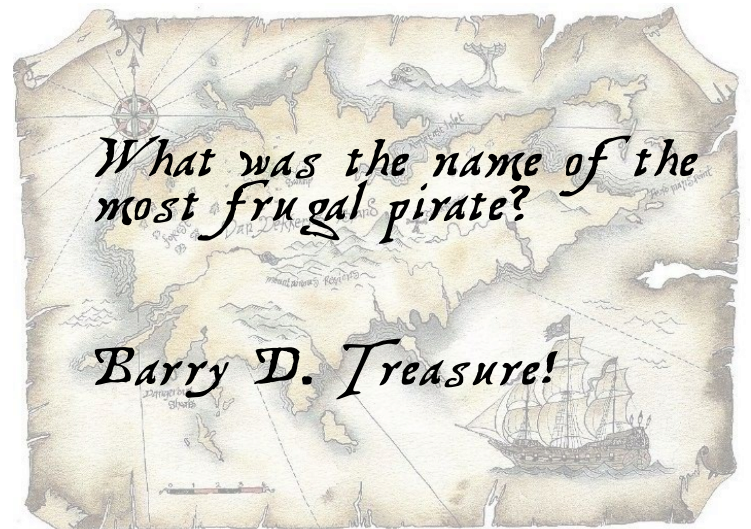
## From The Daymarker Editor:



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

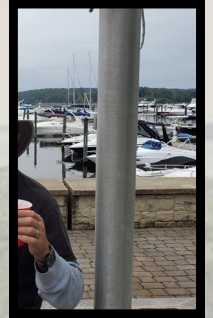
This is your newsletter. Let me know if you would like to see additional items each month.

*John Draper*  
*Editor*  
*Mi Amor*





# 2020 Fall Land Event



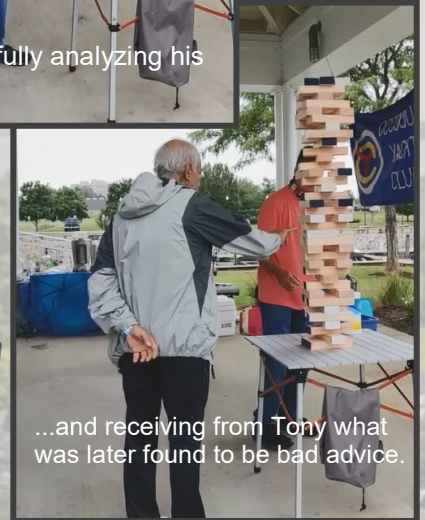


Susan removing & placing what was later determined to be the winning block.



Johnny carefully analyzing his next move...

# The Great Jenga Faceoff



...and receiving from Tony what was later found to be bad advice.



Carefully now!!!



Oh &#%@!!!



The thrill of victory and the agony of defeat!!



Kay Baird - October 23  
Theresa Clark - October 21  
Rodney Durr - October 31  
Debbie Tucceri - October 1

Wayne & Garnetta Beal - October 2  
Brian & Elsy-Rose Brazil - October 27  
Joseph & Sally Hoffmaster - October 1  
Eric Reuter & Lisa Graybill - October 3  
Jerrold & Manny Sandors - October 4  
Benjamin & Jenna Smith - October 15



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](http://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](mailto:coopgroups@boatus.com) or by entering it in the BoatUS Coop Group# field when renewing on [www.BoatUS.com/Renew](http://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



## The Recipe Locker:

These selected recipes have been previously used at club events. They are delicious and simple to make - ideal for docktails and potlucks aboard our boats.

### Christmas Cosmo

Submitted by Bruno Millonig **Ingredients**



- 2 parts vodka (not flavored & no need for super high-end stuff, Smirnoff Red or Tito's are my go to's)
- 1 part Cointreau (no substitutions - need the real stuff)
- 1/2 part Roses Lime Juice (no substitutions here either)
- 1/2 part cranberry juice

#### Preparation:

Shake over ice, pour into chilled glass, and garnish with a slice of lime or lemon.

You can scale the amounts for a mass gathering, just freeze (or refrigerate) until ready to serve.

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### Red Rum

Submitted by Bill Dornetto

#### Ingredients



- 1 1/2 oz Dark Rum
- 1/2 oz Cherry Liquor
- 1/4 oz Dry Curaçao
- 1/2 oz Campari
- 1/4 tsp Lime Zest

#### Preparation:

Stir the booze and lime zest with ice. Double strain into a chilled rocks glass.

## Important Information From the Hardy Souls Cruise Coordinator:

The location of the October 30 - November 1 Halloween/Hardy Souls Cruise **has been moved to The Yards Marina**. It was scheduled to be in Alexandria but it has come to my attention that their marina cannot accommodate the number of us that want to go so I have no choice but to relocate. If you tried to make a reservation in Alexandria and couldn't then I sincerely apologize as it was never my intent to leave anyone out. If you wish to go please make your reservations using Snag-A-Slip and use promo code **OYCYards2020** good for a one time discount for 10% off per customer valid through 10/28 - 11/3/20. Please also add in the notes section that you are an OYC member.

*Karen and Dave Hart  
Cruise Coordinator  
Hart-2-Hart*

## September Happy Hour at Hampton's Landing

