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## From the Commodore:



I led off last month's article commenting on the unseasonably warm weather we had been having. That obviously changed. While we have not had single digits and extended periods of below freezing temperatures it has definitely been a stretch of cold. At least the water at the marina has not frozen solid (probably should not have said that). Vice Commodore Jerry Sandors conducted a virtual planning meeting on 11 February and our draft event list was finalized.

Unfortunately we have already suffered our first event cancellation as the mid-April Cherry Blossom Festival has been cancelled and that cruise removed from the draft. However, there are many more cruises and land events lined up that we hope will occur as planned. Some upcoming highlights include the General Membership Meeting at the [Globe & Laurel](#) in Stafford on Saturday March 27, our Flag Raising 25 April, and the [Food and Wine Festival](#) at National Harbor 30 April - 2 May. While the Cherry Blossom cruise was cancelled due to cancellation of the festival you may still want to ease up to DC and take in the blossoms on your own. Check out the [Bloom Watch](#) on the National Park Service's website to schedule your trip at peak bloom, weather permitting. Spring is just around the corner and I'm looking forward to seeing you all out on the river.

Cheers,

Steve Preda  
Commodore  
Anamchara



## Special Point of Interest:

- ★ *First Happy Hour March 5 @ OHM after 5:00*
- ★ *General Membership Meeting March 27 @ [Globe and Laurel](#) in Stafford*



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## From the Vice Commodore:

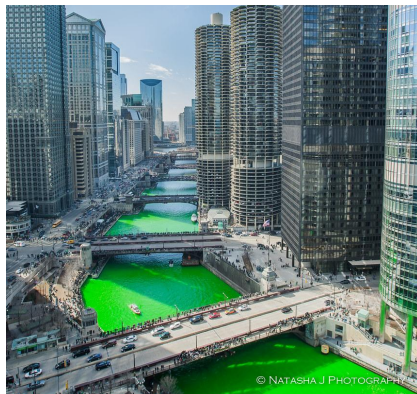


Earlier this week, I looked out my back window and there were more than a dozen robins pecking at the grass in my backyard. It's usually a sure sign that boating season is just around the corner. That means ripping off the

shrink wrap, de-winterizing everything you winterized, painting the bottom and waxing the top. Then there is the shakedown cruise where you hope you remembered to open the seacocks and put in the plug and hope the engines start. You freeze up with every shudder, wonder if that vibration was there last year. But then it all smooths out. You gather speed, the warm wind hits you in the face and you look aft to see the beautiful wake stretching as far as you can see behind and you remember again why we love boating. You're ready to go and looking for a place to cruise.

Well, this is going to be one of the best years yet. We have two cruises to the Northern Chesapeake and a cruise to North Carolina planned along with our traditional cruises to Washington and other points on the Potomac. We're starting off the season with a Happy Hour on March 5<sup>th</sup> at the [Harbour Grill](#), then on March 27<sup>th</sup> we will be holding the General Membership meeting at the [Globe and Laurel](#) in Quantico where we will be presenting the 2021 Event Schedule. Once presented, be sure to log onto the club [website](#) and sign up for the events you wish to attend, Even if you're not sure, a "maybe" will keep you in the loop to receive information on each that event.

Jerry Sandors  
Vice Commodore  
*Maverick*



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## From the Rear Commodore:



As we creep closer and closer to Spring it's time to start thinking about an exciting new boating season. As the weather begins to warm and COVID numbers continue to decline let's pray for a successful 2021 schedule with minimal cancellations. Let me start on a positive note. Please mark your calendars for our March General Membership meeting on Saturday, March 27<sup>th</sup> at the [Globe and Laurel](#), 3987 Jefferson Davis Hwy, Stafford,

VA 22554 at 3 PM. This is the meeting where we present the 2021 event schedule. We look forward to seeing everyone and welcome your input and ideas. Appetizers will be provided by OYC. If you aren't familiar with the [Globe and Laurel](#) you are in for a treat. The Globe is a military and law enforcement themed restaurant, featuring a large collection of military memorabilia, good food, and cigar lounge. They have a large room with ample space too spread out and are offering to prepare an early dinner special for purchase so please consider staying for dinner and showing your support. I'll be sending out evites soon so I can get a good headcount for appetizers so please watch for that and RSVP as soon as you can.

I'd like to start happy hours up again so mark your calendar for a March 5<sup>th</sup> happy hour at OHM. Please come anytime after 5. Hope to see you there!

I started on a positive note, now have to end on a negative note. Sadly, we have to cancel the annual Cherry Blossom cruise in April. Dave and I look forward to this as it's our first cruise every year so we decided we'd be the cruise coordinators. I started looking up our favorite blossom activities like the parade and fireworks and both have already been cancelled. Unfortunately the festival is virtual this year so we won't be going for the scheduled weekend of April 9-11. Who knows, maybe the 10<sup>th</sup> or 11<sup>th</sup> will be one of those rare Spring gorgeous days we sometimes get and we can salvage the weekend by just doing a day cruise to the Wharf so don't give up. If the weather is nice I'm sure we won't be the only ones itching to do a shakedown cruise!

Karen Hart  
Rear Commodore  
*Hart 2 Hart*

**Happy St Patrick's Day!**





## From the Treasurer:



Between January 13th and February 10th, 2021 we had:  
Income of \$540.00  
Expenses of \$15.16, and  
Ledger balance of \$9,819.10 as of February 10th.



To date we have collected 63% of the estimated 2021 membership dues.

Dave Hart  
Treasurer  
*Hart 2 Hart*



# ★HAPPY★ BIRTHDAY!

Steve Preda	March 1
Kathryn Dwyer	March 1
Chris Salter	March 8
Al Stewart	March 17
Sabrina Salter	March 21
Bruno Millonig	March 22
George Baird	March 23
Susan Millonig	March 28
Carl Shafer	March 29
Susan Tarasek	March 31

Jim Dooley and Judy Dooley  
March 24



Happy Anniversary

## From the Daymarker Editors:

Please send items for the April Daymarker to us by Friday, March 26. Thanks, [Mike and Barbara Bruhn](#)

*The Jackie B2*





## Comedy Corner:



Lost at sea, two Irishmen, Patrick and Michael were adrift in a life-boat. While rummaging through the boat's provisions Patrick discovered an old lamp. Secretly hoping a genie would appear he began rubbing the lamp vigorously. To his amazement a genie appeared. This particular genie could only grant one wish instead of the standard three.

Without giving it much thought, Patrick blurted out, "Turn the entire ocean into Guinness Beer!"

The genie clapped his hands and the entire sea turned into the finest brew ever tasted by mortals. Simultaneously the genie vanished. Only the gentle lapping of Guinness against the hull broke the silence as the two men considered their circumstances.

Michael disgustedly looked at Patrick and said, "Nice going, now we're going to have to pee in the boat."



Welcome again to Knot's Landing! This month we have a new video that you may find useful. It shows a couple techniques to secure fenders to cleats and railings. I've seen several ways to do this, but this short video shows one of the better ones. Click below to perhaps learn something new.



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@boat.us](mailto:coopgroups@boat.us) 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:

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| ★ Water & trailer towing service  | ★ Boat graphics and lettering          |
| ★ Marine insurance  | ★ BoatUS Magazine                      |
| ★ Discounts on fuel, slips, repairs & more at over 1,200 boating businesses | ★ Boater representation with lawmakers |
| ★ Shopping rewards at West Marine   | ★ Boat finance                         |
|   | ★ Free MMSI number                     |





## From the Quartermaster:

Now might be a good time to switch out some of the old halogen or incandescent bulbs on your boat with some LEDs. Relatively inexpensive, fairly easy to do and you'll save a few precious watts and cut down on the heat generation more than expected. Turn on your lights for a bit and then try to remove one without burning your fingers. They get hot! Not so with the LEDs.

There of course are several varieties of bulbs. An easy start is to check [Amazon](#) for some G4 LED lamps. I've used them on both my SeaRay and now the Meridian. The old and new ones both simply are prong types that you just pull out. The picture to the upper right shows the old bulb and package of the new bulb. Good Luck!

[Bob Carr](#)

Quartermaster  
*CarRuisin' II*



## From Membership:



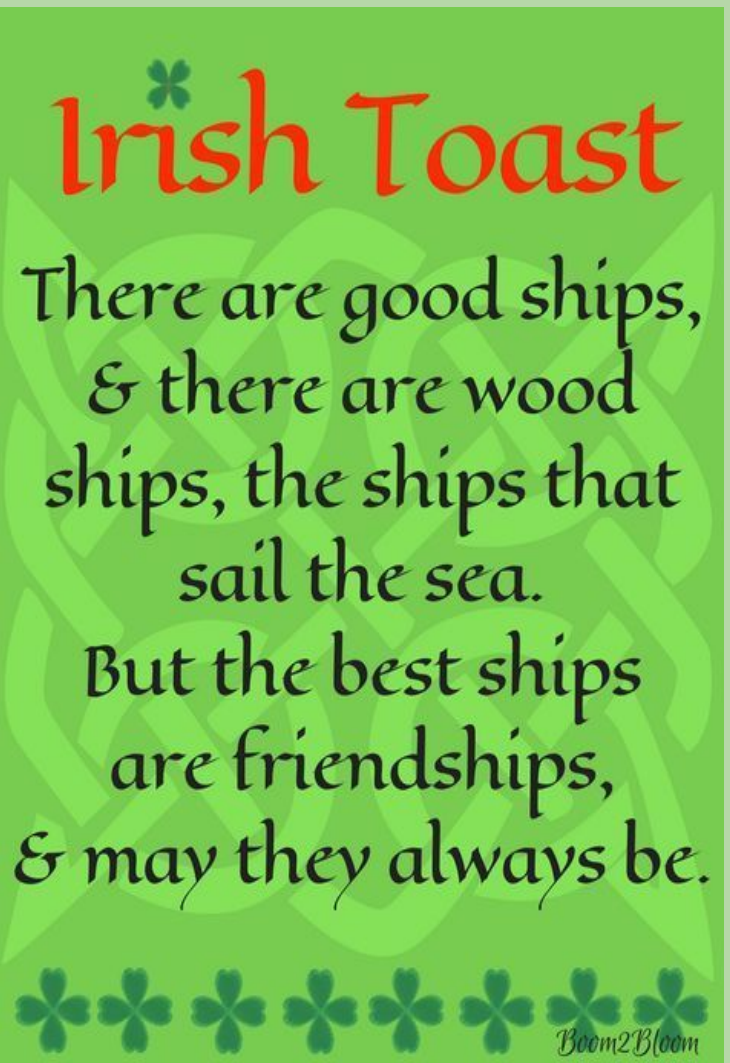
Hello Members,  
Spring is just around the corner and I am very excited to get back out on the water and see all of you. We currently have 49 members. Thirty-seven are

family memberships, 4 are individual memberships, 2 are associate memberships and 6 are honorary members. Please note that if you ordered a burgee when you renewed your membership, I have mailed all of those out and you should have already received it. As always, please let me know if you have anyone who is interested in becoming a member of this awesome club and I will reach out to them. See you soon!

See you on the water soon!

[Debbie Tucceri](#)

Membership Chair  
*Did It Our Way*

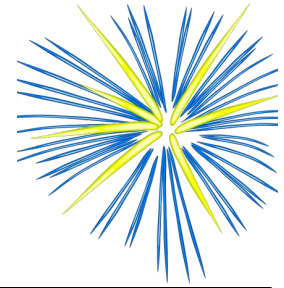






## July 4th Cruise

DC Wharf Marina (*Change from CYC*)  
Friday July 2nd - Monday July 5th



Cruise with OYC for a fun patriotic weekend at [The Wharf Marina!](#)  
Details will follow, but book now, on Snag-A-Slip, space is filling up!  
Put OYC in Notes of reservation.

Please RSVP to [Sue/Doug Davis](#) when you book

### From our PRYCA/CBYCA Representatives :

As we all are still navigating the treacherous waters of COVID, we must continue to adapt to changes as we have over the past year.

**CBYCA News:** The 2020 CBYCA Commodores Ball was rescheduled for December, then to March 13<sup>th</sup> is now cancelled. This was a difficult decision but made in an effort to keep all member clubs stay as healthy as possible.



**PRYCA News:** The [Potomac River Yacht Club Association](#) is comprised of 23 member clubs up and down the Potomac River. PRYCA's Float In is scheduled for July 30<sup>th</sup> - August 1<sup>st</sup> at [Coles Point Marina](#).

**July 4<sup>th</sup> cruise** to DC is scheduled for Friday, July 2<sup>nd</sup> thru Monday, July 5<sup>th</sup>. The marina location has been changed to The Wharf Marina since Capitol Yacht Club is already at capacity. In order to secure your spot, please book your slip ASAP with Snag-A-Slip at [The Wharf Marina - Washington DC](#). In the notes section of your reservation indicate you are cruising with OYC. The agenda for the weekend will be coming soon.

Sue and Doug Davis  
YOLO

