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From the Commodore:



A big Thank You to RC Karen Hart for organizing and the Dooley's (Jim & Judy) for opening their home and pool to host the club for Happy Hour on 9 July. It was a great turnout in spite of the threatening weather. In July our schedule of events was in high gear with a large contingent enjoying DC fireworks from Market Docks on the Washington Channel and later another large group cruising the Chesapeake to popular destinations such as The Tides, Herrington Harbor, and St Michaels. It's been a lot of fun following their exploits

on Facebook. I especially liked the pod of dolphin filmed following Wayne's World over to St Michaels. Great shots! At the end of July several club members will rendezvous at Coles Point for the PRYCA Float In, some returning from the Chesapeake cruise and some cruising south from their home ports. PRYCA always organizes a fun event. In August our long-range schedule continues with a group led by Dave & Karen Hart heading south on the Bay to the VA Beach area. Hope their weather is as wonderful as the first (and second) Bay cruises. Early in the season Anamchara and CarRUISIN enjoyed mostly calm waters all the way up to and back from Havre de Grace at the north end of the Bay and the July cruise seems to be enjoying a tame Bay again. Even the July temps have been a bit on the temperate side. In September plan to enjoy a culinary delight as the club will conduct a "progressive dinner" aboard member boats at Belmont Bay. Also, there are still tickets available for the National Harbor Food & Wine Festival 25/26 September. National Harbor Marina has reserved a number of slips for OYC so get your admission tickets and see you on the dock.

Cheers, Steve Preda Commodore *Anamchara*



Special Points of Interest:

 ★ Happy Hour Aug. 6 @ The Waters End Brewery 12425 Dillingham Square, Lake Ridge, VA 22191,6:00 pm
★ Virginia Beach Cruise,

Aug. 1 - 13



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July Happy Hour at the Dooleys

From the Vice Commodore:



The Vice Commodore is cruising the Chesapeake right now, but will be back next month.



OYC Wins The CUP!!!



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From the Rear Commodore:



First I want to say thank you to Jim and Judy Dooley for opening their beautiful home and pool to the club on July 9^{th.} The evening started with a rain shower but cleared up nicely and we were able to enjoy a nice evening of camaraderie, pizza, drinks, and floaties with our fellow OYC members. Jim and Judy, you guys rock! The next scheduled happy hour is <u>Aug 6</u> at Waters End Brewery, 12425 Dillingham Square, Lake Ridge, VA 22191. This brewery sells lots of

craft beers, has both indoor and outdoor seating, and while they don't serve food, there's plenty of restaurants in Dillingham Square to order from. You can pick your food up or have it delivered. The brewery is very accommodating and used to this so no worries. I will be on the VA Beach cruise during this time but please don't let that stop you from attending happy hour. John Draper will be there in my place so please go and check out this awesome brewery.

For the last few Day Marker articles I've been writing about the Progressive Dinner on the Docks at Belmont Bay scheduled for the evening of <u>Sept 18.</u> I happy to say I now have enough volunteers as host boats, now we need the rest of you as our dinner guests! All you need to do is show up and prepare to be wined and dined on several different boats with your fellow members. Since the hosts are providing the courses we will be asking you, the dinner guests, to bring a dessert. I will be reaching out soon and asking all members if they wish to participate and I hope you do. This event will be fun for all but I especially hope to see some new faces so please mark your calendars!

HERE'S HOW IT WORKS:

Have you ever been part of a progressive dinner party? They are great fun, a great way to meet new people, show off your home (or in this case your boat!), see other member's homes (boats!), and enjoy good food, fine drinks, and great friends. This idea was proposed to me by fellow members Bob and Vicky Carr. They are berthed at Prince William Marina and participated in a progressive dinner there and said everyone agreed it was the highlight of their year! They proposed this idea to me and I love it and think you will as well. We really hope you can be a part of this fun filled event. Bob and Vicky are helping me coordinate this but we need lots of participation from you to make it a success! Here's how it works: There will be a total of four courses served throughout the evening, each served on several different boats up and down the docks of Belmont Bay. You will start your evening with fine cocktails/appetizers on your first assigned boat, then you will enjoy a course of salad/soup on a second boat, followed by a main course on a third boat, and then a final course of dessert will be served on the lawn by the marina office so everyone can meet and talk, and share their experiences. Each boat serving a course will host between 3 and 4 couples each at their boat. At each of your stops you will be with a new group of fellow boaters. RSVP's have not gone out yet but all participants, once they have RSVP'd, will get notified ahead of time that will tell them which boat to go to for their first course. Upon completion of each course, your host boat's Captain will give each couple an envelope with the name and location of the boat they move to for their next course. We anticipate starting around 4 ish, with about 50-60 minutes at each stop. The final details and specific times will be forthcoming. Most importantly we will need you to RSVP or send a note to me and commit to participating in this event. It's success depends on commitment of those involved. We have volunteers to host each course but those who do not host a course will be asked to bring a dessert. This is something new and different OYC so let's make this work!

Karen Hart Rear Commodore *Hart 2 Hart*



From the Treasurer:



Ledger Balance as of July 14, 2021 \$8485.29 Income -\$50.00 \$316.27 Expenses -

Dave Hart Treasure Hart 2 Hart



Alison Rose	August
Toni Rogers	August
Manny Sandors	August
Bob Carr	August
Stanford Rogers	August
Richard Schock	August
Nicholas Roper	August
Curtis Stokes	August

Nicholas and Jodie Roper August 1

Glenn and Jennifer Robinson August 26

Carl and Debbie Shaefer August 27

Happy Anniversary



Honorary Member Profile: Carlton Philips & Michelle Price



Prince William Marina strives to create a family-oriented environment for Boaters and succeeds nicely. This is a marina that has top-notch maintenance services, great amenities (heated pool, newly renovated bathhouses, floating docks, boatel, and more). The positive, responsive, can-do, "we are all family" attitude starts at the top with owners Carlton and Debbie Phillips, Doug Phillips and Michele Price. They partner with the Prince Wm Yacht Club on many on-land and water events.

It starts with the Blue Bath house and Event Center that's perfect for the monthly Capt's Hours, board meetings and numerous special activities (Kentucky Derby party, Chili Cook-off, Pig Roast, etc.) The day before our Pirates Night on the Hook at Mattawoman you'll see Carlton maneuvering a large 20x50 ft raft into place for us to tie up on. Later Debbie and Michele will grill burgers/hot dogs and later breakfast for everyone!

When PWYC takes their trip to Point Lookout, the boaters have a sense of confidence knowing PWM will trail the convoy with experienced maintenance personnel. What a great idea - but I guess it's what you do for family.

An avid patriot, Carlton has been a strong sponsor/supporter of the yearly Wounded Warrior Cruise and fireworks on Sept 11th.

This is a business that truly works to give back on many levels. The huge and numerous prizes for best boat decorations at Christmas is one example. Another is the fabulous slip-holders appreciation event (once again - generous door prizes) in February.

The culture has led to the PWYC organizing an employee appreciation dinner. People do this kind of stuff because the leaders have fostered such a wonderful family atmosphere. Welcome PWM honorary members Carlton Phillips and Michele Price!

Submitted by Bob Carr, Quartermaster

From the Immediate Past Commodore:

It's that time of year again. Can you believe it's already time to start thinking about 2022? I hope you all have been able to take advantage of this fantastic summer of boating. As I write this, the Millie Gael crew is finishing up a fabulous Chesapeake Bay Cruise organized by our own past commodore, Bud Bishop, before heading over to Cole's Point for the PYRCA Float-in. It's been a summer of fun boating memories and incredible life-changing events as Bruno and I welcomed our first grandchild on July 1!

One of the roles of the IPC is to build a slate of candidates for our OYC board. This year we will need to fill all electable positions, including the 3 commodores. If you are interested in any of the five board roles: treasurer, secretary, rear, vice, and commodore - please email me at susanmillonig@gmail.com. The board plays such an important role in keeping our club healthy and running smoothly. Our membership needs you!

I hope you will choose to join our OYC board, whether in an electable position or one of our other hugely important roles. Please feel free to reach out to the current board members for additional information regarding their duties. I am so appreciative of your time, volunteerism, and camaraderie and look forward to hearing from many of you soon!

Enjoy the rest of your summer! Susan Millonig, Immediate Past Commodore



Comedy Corner:

A sailor brings his boat up to a restaurant dock to eat lunch.

The dockhand says, "I'm sorry, sir, but I can't let you dine here today. This establishment has a necktie policy, and you are not wearing one."

"Of course I don't have a tie on," replied the sailor, "I'm on a boat!"

"Well, go down below and put one on," said the dockhand.

"I don't HAVE one!" shouted the sailor.

The dockhand, not wanting to turn away a customer, said: "Well, why don't you just find something that approximates a tie. That should be OK."

After some time, the sailor comes out with a pair of jumper cables. "This is all I could find to put around my neck," he said.

Sighing, the deck hand said: "OK, I'll let you in with those, but just don't start anything."

From the Daymarker Editors:

Please send items for the September Daymarker to us by Friday, August 27. Thanks, <u>Mike and Barbara Bruhn</u> *The Jackie B III*



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 <u>coopgroups@boatus.com</u> or by entering it in the BoatUS Coop Group# field when renewing on <u>www.BoatUS.com/Renew</u>.

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Welcome to the August Knot's Landing. Here's another knot worth learning. It will keep you anchored. Happy August!

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Chesapeake Bay Cruise Photo Gallery





July 4 Cruise

Photo Gallery













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