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1986 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

27 November	Pipers	Second Annual Thanksgiving Day Raft-Up (See Pages 4-5 for details)
30 November	Jacobs	Boat Lighting Party and Chili Cookoff (See Page 5 for details)
6 December	O.Y.C.	Convoy to Occoquan with Santa and Christmas Banquet and Change of Command Ceremony

COMMODORE'S COMMENTS by Karl Day

Congratulations to all of us. Another boating season is about to end and it has been safe, sane - most of the time, and successful. Our membership has benefited from the efforts of an outstanding Board who have worked diligently to plan, arrange, organize, sponsor, and promote a number of special events. We have had parties, cruises, raft-ups, pageants, blessings, swap 'n shops, regattas, predicted log races (6 seconds? - now really!) and, all in all, a terrific year. We all owe a debt of gratitude to our very fine outgoing Board.

If anything was lacking, it was participation by the general membership. 1986 was a jam-packed, fun-filled year of boating and if you didn't participate, you missed out on a lot of fun, fellowship, and boating experience. As in so many group activities, however, it seems like 90% of the work gets done by 10% of the people and is enjoyed by only about another 10-20% of the membership. We want to work on this for 1987.

As newly elected Commodore, I am honored to have been chosen to serve such a fine group of fellow boaters. I won't speak for the others on the Board since this is my column, Ho-Ho, but I would like to tell those of you who do not know me what I stand for and what I pray for as Commodore of the OYC for the coming year.

There are three key elements in a successful yacht club. They are PRIDE, PROFESSIONALISM, and PARTICIPATION. (There is a small but vocal group who would add PARTIES to this list and that's not all bad either).

The OYC has become an increasingly important entity in the boating activities of the area. We are growing in number, over 250 members at last count, but more importantly, we are a young organization and our most youthful characteristic is enthusiasm. We are active, excited about boating, eager to get involved and, as a result, becoming more and more visible. I believe that there is a responsibility that attaches to us as we grow. As more and more of the OYC burgees flutter over the waters of the Potomac and the Chesapeake, it is important that they flutter proudly. Without diminishing the enjoyment of belonging to a yacht club, I believe we can set an example for boaters throughout our area. Boating is one of the last bastions of freedom in this country. There are relatively few regulations - enforced at least - that restrict our ability to use and enjoy the water but this does not relieve us of a responsibility to maintain and operate our boats safely, professionally, and courteously. We want to encourage and help each OYC member to enjoy his or her boat to the fullest, to develop skills in the handling and maneuvering of a vessel, and to always be aware of the need for safety.

Most importantly, we want to encourage participation at all levels whether you own a boat or a yacht, and whether it is 6 feet or 60 feet long. We want you to participate in the Club, to share in the joys, the pains, the experiences, the fun, and the work of making the Occoquan Yacht Club the best in this region. If we can do this, with your help, we can all take pride in our organization and fly the OYC burgee proudly.

The new Board will have its first official meeting in mid-November and we will begin to develop plans immediately for a super 1987. If you have thoughts or ideas about things you would like to do or directions you think the Club should take, let us know. Our names and numbers are at the top of this newsletter. Call us, come visit us on our boats or stop us on the docks. We want and need your ideas - we will be asking for your help - and gosh, I hate to see Winter come!!!

VICE COMMODORE'S COMMENTS by Bob LaSerte

It's Monday night - the Occoquan Yacht Club election weekend just a memory. As your new Vice Commodore, an awesome responsibility awaits me. Flipping through old DAYMARKERS I wonder how I can ever fill John Piper's shoes. He put so much substance into his articles. Boating safety, maintenance, protocol and more safety. It's all there. Much more than an awesome responsibility, it's a tremendous opportunity for me to carry on a tradition that has helped make the OYC the fine organization that it is today.

With the change of command many decisions lie ahead of us. Many roles need to be filled, many parties need to be played so that the Club can continue with its fine traditions. We need people both volunteers and workers. With lots of planning over the coming winter months, we can enjoy ourselves at the first breath of Spring.

As part of the Executive Board I will implement and execute your ideas for parties, trips, and events. But I need your suggestions and your help. Comments or complaints? Call me, write me, or catch me on the docks - I'm all ears!

In the future, I plan to use this forum as did my predecessor, exposing idiocy and praising perfection afloat. Hopefully, I can separate fact from fiction in all things nautical as well as John has in the past. That's my new responsibility and I now challenge you, the general membership of the OYC, with yours. Get involved and make a difference. It's you, the people, that have made this Club "NUMBER ONE" and it's you, the people, who can keep it that way. Isn't it great when some-things works and works well? What a tremendous opportunity for us all.

PAST COMMODORE'S COMMENTS by Aaron Martin

It is with deep regret that the Executive Board had to cancel the Change of Command Ceremony for October 24th. Of a membership nearing 250 - only 39 members made reservations for the event. I'm certain that many members had conflicting events scheduled but there were most certainly more members who didn't either read their last three issues of the DAYMARKER or simply forgot about the event. We realize that the schedule for 1986 was a very busy one and the Thanksgiving and Christmas seasons are rapidly approaching but surely there must have been at least another 36 members (18 couples) that intended to come. The Board was left with the choice of cancelling or running the risk of having the OYC pay over \$500.00 to meet the minimum required by the Officers Club at Ft. Belvoir.

Alot of planning had been done for the Change of Command Ceremony and it was all in vain. Where were the many absent members...? Where were the members who have been heard to comment that they would participate if only someone had asked...?

Those members who did send in their reservations will, with their permission, have their reservations transferred to the Christmas Banquet on December 6th at Quantico Officers' Club. The Change of Command will be incorporated into the Christmas Banquet...

Many thanks to those members who worked so hard to have a Change of Command that would have been memorable. Don't be the member that doesn't show up for the Christmas Party.

With these words I'll close for now... Remember that the OYC will only be successful if each of its members participates. Don't pass up the opportunity to be active in all aspects of the Club's activities. MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS FOR DECEMBER 6th EARLY!!!

READ YOUR DAYMARKER - CHECK THE EVENTS CALENDAR - BE AN ACTIVE MEMBER!!!

PAST SECRETARY'S COMMENTS by Terri Petrey

I'll bet you thought you had heard the last from me but I was told I couldn't "fade into the background" before saying a few parting words.

I have so many mixed feelings about this time of year. How can one not love the clear blue skies, crisp weather, beautiful foliage and cool nights just right for snuggling on the boat? But this time of year for the past three years in the OYC has always been associated with change. A few months ago I could hardly wait for this year to be FINISHED and I have been known to utter some unkind words because something wasn't going right in the OYC. Now I look back on those situations and I think that they weren't so bad afterall and I did manage to muddle through them fairly unscathed.

It wouldn't be right for me not to mention my thanks to all those Board members and regular members who contributed their thoughts and wishes in the way of articles for the newsletter. I've had so many comments that the DAYMARKER was like a "family" newsletter and everyone felt like they were reading something from home. I'm glad that it was perceived as a warm, welcoming and informative paper. I couldn't have written it any other way.

A very special thanks to John and Mer Piper for their fantastic ideas and work for the newsletter, invitations, final renewal notices, membership graphics and special mailing notices. With John's trusty Apple II computer and his uncanny ability to come up with some wonderfully artistic ideas we have and hopefully will remain very professional looking. Mer's helping hand was there right from the very start and she was always willing to go that extra percentage needed to help the Club get things accomplished. I don't know what I could have done without her.

My heartfelt congratulations and good wishes to the new 1987 Executive Board. Let's all try to help them out and make them feel welcomed and try to make their jobs a little easier?

For those of you who didn't make the elections on October 3rd in Lake Ridge, I announced the results of the Predicted Log Competition which I inadvertently omitted from the October DAYMARKER. I apologize to those winners for neglecting to share their good news with the rest of membership. First place was taken by Nick and Debbie Katsarelis (with 6 seconds to spare)! Second place went to Nick's father, Nick Katsarelis Sr, and third place went to brand new members George and Eileen Kiesel. Congratulations to these members and the great turnout.

2ND ANNUAL THANKSGIVING RAFT-UP - THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 27

Plans continue for the 2nd Annual Thanksgiving Raft-Up. So far the Captains of eight boats have indicated a genuine interest in attending and preparing at least a portion of the feast. Of course, it depends upon the weather and if it is as nice as Thanksgiving 1984, or even a tad on the cool side as in 1985, the anchorage is planned for the mouth of the Mattawoman as in 1985.

High Tide on Thursday, Nov. 27 occurs at 2:39 p.m. and the anchor boat should be in place by approximately 3:00 p.m. If the weather is lousy,

anchorage may be just 500 yards up from the marina; or, we may end up having a "round robin" affair by boat hopping on the docks. But we will have Thanksgiving on the water.

Tentative feast still includes (but certainly not limited to):

Before-dinner nibbles and cocktails
Turkey breast, stuffing, ham, potatoes (baked? or mashed?)
G R A V Y, salad(s), veggies, rolls w/butter, wine, etc.
Desserts and after-dinner cordials
and, of course, Friendship and Thanks.

Think about it and if you want to do something different for this Thanksgiving, please call John or Mer Piper at 490-4857, or see them on A-Dock on DUNMOEN at OHM no later than November 22 so final preparations can be accomplished.

1ST ANNUAL BOAT LIGHTING PARTY AND CHILI COOKOFF by Dale & Rita Jacobs

Just a reminder for the November 30th Boat Lighting and Chili Cookoff. We have been hearing alot of talk about this event. Many of our members are looking forward to lighting up their boats this year for the first time.

It's hard to believe there are so many variations to making a pot of chili. It seems everyone we talk to does their chili a little bit different and, of course, better than anyone elses. I, for one, can't wait to sample all of them!

We know that B and C docks have scheduled their pre-chili cookoff party to work on their entries. How about A, B, D and E docks and members not at OHM? Have you planned anything yet? It's a good excuse to get together and have a really good time.

If you want to be the chairperson for your dock or group or if you need any information, just call Rita at 683-6065 (as of October 31st) or 490-5598.

LETTER FROM CAPTAIN BOB

Ah, Fall! Those crisp October winds have shriveled up what's left of the tomato plants and signal the approach of winter. No more sun, fun and bikini's. It's been such a dry summer tht the leaves aren't turning, they're just falling off. So I didn't go to our cabin in Western Maryland to see the foliage, I just stayed home and nursed a sore throat.

I guess it's time for that dreaded task - winterization of the boat! Clean everything, change all fluids, add stor n' start and anti-freeze. I spent Saturday, the coldest day so far this season, up to my elbows in grease, grime and ivory dish detergent. Is it my imagination or are my fingers getting frostbitten?

Sunday morning I put on my parka and went out to retrieve the paper. It was a glorious morning. The sun was beautiful and bright, the sky was clear and cloudless, and there was no wind. My eyes flashed to the CAROLEE, beckoning me, she was clean and tuned and at the ready.

Two hours later I was somewhere south of civilization listening to the 'Skins trounce an unlucky opponent. The trees hadn't lost their leaves and I even see a hint of orange and crimson. Maybe it's not time to winterize. Is it my imagination or am I getting sunburned?

There's lots of good boating left! All the idiots that are usually out here aren't! We are all alone and it's a beautiful day and the trees look just fine thank you and the 'Skins could go all the way to the Super Bowl! Ah, Fall!!!

RENEWALS DUE BY OCTOBER 31

With this last article from your Secretary comes the sincere hopes that you will be renewing for the coming 1987 Season. Enclosed for your convenience is an application form. Any changes in phone numbers, addresses, spouses or additions to your family will be duly noted if you will fill out the form. If everything is going to remain the same then simply write SAME. I look forward to seeing you next year and have a happy Thanksgiving and very Merry Christmas!

ANAPOLIS REVISITED!

For those of us who played "hooky" from work on Friday, October 17th to go to the Annapolis Boat Show it started off a cool and rainy day. As the day progressed and we hopped on and off more boats the day became warmer. It became a game to see how many times we could go back and look at the same boat to see if we noticed anything different or to decide why we liked the darn thing so much! Congratulations to the Tilmons on their 29' Cruiser and the Gemsheim's for the 66' Choey Lee. I think the Petrey's are close behind in their bid for a 39' Sea Ray. We all have to get rid of our white elephants first!

A grand time was had by all at the Chart House. We had a whopping 22 people at our table much to the delight of the three waitresses who ran their legs off for us. The food was delicious (as usual), service quick and the drinks were warming. The night would not have been complete without our ordering the Chart House's famous Mud Pie. There were 2 pies ordered at each end of the table and they both went around the table 2½ times! As tradition dictates, the last bite was given to Ulla Fichter (once Ulla Burford) who started the saying "It's a half-one!" This year, one of our newest members in the Carmer family declared that it was definitely a "whole one"!

We all left with the promise of happy times to come and new friendships to be made and the happy visions in our minds of those new boats in OHM slips. Gee! Is Dickie going to have a slip big enough for us now?

NOVEMBER TIDES

Correction (-): 01:15

	DATE	EST TIME (DC)	EASTERN STD. TIME (OCCOQUAN)	TIDE
	Saturday-Nov-1	01:23 06:38 13:25 18:47	00:08 05:23 12:10 17:32	0.1 3.0 0.1 3.4
	Sunday-Nov-2	02:13 07:22 14:08 19:32	00:58 06:07 12:53 18:17	0.0 3.1 0.0 3.6
	Saturday-Nov-8	07:40 12:50 19:45	06:25 11:35 18:30	-0.1 2.4 0.0
	Sunday-Nov-9	01:06 08:40 14:04 20:52	23:51 07:25 12:49 19:37	2.6 -0.1 2.4 0.0
	Saturday-Nov-15	01:40 07:02 13:39 19:11	00:25 05:47 12:24 17:56	-0.3 2.4 -0.2 2.8
	Sunday-Nov-16	02:26 07:42 14:17 19:48	01:11 06:27 13:02 18:33	-0.2 2.4 -0.1 2.8
	Saturday-Nov-22	06:29 11:42 18:16 23:40	05:14 10:27 17:01 22:25	0.2 2.2 0.3 2.6
	Sunday-Nov-23	07:11 12:31 19:08	05:56 11:16 17:53	0.2 2.2 0.3
2nd. Annual Thanksgiving Day Raft-Up and Dinner with overnight Mattawoman Bay Dock Lighting Party Light your Boat for the Holidays	Thursday-Nov-27	03:31 10:18 15:54 23:06	02:16 09:03 14:39 21:51	2.4 0.1 2.7 0.1
	Friday-Nov-28	04:26 11:06 16:42	03:11 09:51 15:27	2.5 0.0 2.9
	Saturday-Nov-29	00:05 05:19 11:57 17:30	22:50 04:04 10:42 16:15	0.0 2.6 -0.1 3.1
	Sunday-Nov-30	01:00 06:09 12:49 18:19	23:45 04:54 11:34 17:04	-0.2 2.6 -0.2 3.2