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Upcoming Events

October 1 – General Membership Meeting
and Elections

October 29 – Chili Cookoff



Commodore's Comments

Ron Tilmon

I realize that some of you may get tired of my telling you what a great time we had on our cruises this year. However, I can't think of a better way to exhort more people to join us for our waterborne activities and see for themselves how much fun they really can be. So—another recitation.

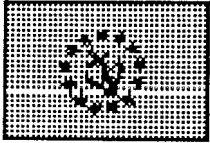
Since the last *Daymarker*, we have had two really super cruises. Our Labor Day cruise to Dennis Point Marina on the St. Mary's River was a resounding success—thanks to the really superb job of planning and organizing done by Bill and Terri Petrey. Even with the cancellations, we still had thirteen boats participate. The staff at Dennis Point Marina really bent over backwards to accommodate our growing group and went out of their way to provide slips for all of the boats and to ensure that we had a good time. We had several new participants on our cruise—ask them to tell you first-hand what a great time we had.

We also recently had another one of our "impromptu" raft-ups over the weekend of 17-18 September. This one was a rather hastily conceived/organized overnight to the Dunes with a shrimp feast on the beach. Kudos for this one belong to Aaron Martin, who did the organizing and went shopping for twenty pounds of shrimp (and got us a very good price too). Even with the short notice, we wound up with twelve boats in the Dunes raft-up and consumed every single bit of shrimp—even though it did decide to sprinkle just as we were

getting ready to eat. Even Aaron Martin couldn't control the weather. Rain didn't daunt us though—you should have seen a group of our folks chowing down in the rain. Afterwards, the weather did break and we had our usual ring around the campfire gabfest until the wee hours. Sunday dawned with better weather in the offing (it turned out to be a BEAUTIFUL day) and we continued it to the bitter end with no one wanting to break up and head in. I'm going to recommend to the new Board that we consider making it a regular scheduled event. However, if the Dunes keep shrinking and our fleet keeps growing, we may have to start hauling sand back in there, in addition to bringing our own firewood.

We still have activities planned for the rest of the boating season—believe it or not, it ain't over yet! Fall boating is fun and beautiful. If you haven't participated yet, you should consider giving it a try. Some of our remaining activities will be of the "impromptu" variety. If you're interested, let one of the Board members know so we can try to make sure we get the word to you as word of our trips is generally spread by word of mouth or via the telephone because the timing is not conducive to the newsletter schedule.

By the time you read this, we will have concluded our September 24th Predicted Log/Scavenger Hunt and Dock Party. I hope many of you will have participated in this event and had a great time.



Vice Commodore's Comments

Terri Petrey

September was a fantastic month of boating for me. I have had the opportunity to meet some fantastic new members and go on some wonderful cruises. We still have maybe two more months of boating and I plan on using every moment of cruising time I can. I've only backed POWER PLAY into her slip 3 times and I have to catch up with Captain Robin Charles.

I have to be honest with you and tell you I am awaiting October with baited breath. During the past five years I have had the opportunity of meeting and becoming friends with so many members. Throughout those five years, many of those members have stepped forward and contributed their time, expertise and effort for the good of the club. A number of members, who weren't even elected to Board positions, have worked just as hard helping to keep this Club going and functioning smoothly. I think that has been the underlying goal for all of us. Keep the Occoquan Yacht Club the best on the entire Potomac/Chesapeake. At this time, I can proudly say that that is exactly how we are thought of. Quite an accomplishment considering we are still a "youngster" club. This year we have some "old timers" stepping forward again and three new faces eager to help keep the Club fresh with new ideas. When these nominees decided to run for three of the five Board positions they expressed to me that they wanted to bring two groups of people together who have always been part of the Club but done things separately. What better way to join these two groups together than to have some of them on the Board? Just by association the rest of the group will follow and it has already started working. It's taken five years but we are finally starting to get some real participation. I want to wish my sincerest good luck to all the nominees and no matter who wins, you have already made the Club stronger just by wanting to be an officer.

I promised Warner Baxter from Tantallon Yacht Club that I would make mention of their "Oldies But Goodies Night" which coincidentally happens to be on October 1st. For any of those members who cannot vote or who don't plan on attending the General Membership Meeting or Election (for whatever reason that might be), you may want to attend this bash. There will be music from the 20's-60's with judging for best outfits and dancers, and a door prize. For further details, call Rita Baxter (301)292-6046 or Jerrilynn Hull (301)292-9565 as soon as possible.

Reservations have been made by the 1988 Board for the Christmas Party and Change of Command Banquet to be held at Mama's Italian Restaurant in Fairfax on December 3, 1988. Please notice the change in the date from the Club's Schedule of Events of December 10th to the new date of December 3rd. Further details will be provided to you in the next month's Daymarker.



Exec. Rear Commodore Comments

Mary Jo Worcester

Where has the summer gone! It doesn't seem possible that the kids are back in school, down river the leaves are just beginning to change color, and we're talking about elections, the October Boat Show, the OYC Annual Chili Cookoff, and the OYC Christmas and Change of Command Party. I shouldn't be all that surprised as my house is sufficiently dirty, and the ironing pile is adequately heaped, to prove another summer has nearly ended. We've had a great one though, with all the planned weekend trips, the week long cruise, and the "unplanned" get togethers too. This past weekend at the Dunes proves unplanned trips with good friends can be really enjoyable—we didn't even mind Saturday's clouds and drizzle.

Speaking of planned events, the Annual OYC Chili Cookoff is Saturday, October 29th. I plan to hold the "Pre" Chili Cookoff at my house again this year for B-Dock, on the evening of Saturday, October 15th. For those new members, (or anyone), who aren't familiar with this, each dock has a pre-cookoff at someone's house. For example, all of you on B-Dock who want to enter their great chili into the cookoff brings a pot of it to the pre-cookoff party. Each pot of chili is judged by the best chili tasters around. The pot of chili deemed the best then represents the dock at the Annual OYC Cookoff on the 29th. (Of course, after the judging we all eat our little hearts out - we've never had any leftovers yet!) Please call me by October 8th to let me know if you're coming, and if you're bringing your favorite chili recipe to be entered into the judging. (You do not have to bring chili — you can bring a side dish, help us eat all the chili and have fun). It's a great way to meet and get to know your dock neighbors, if you haven't already done so.

As I sit here writing this article, Steve and Ned Rhodes are in the kitchen frantically pouring over charts, preparing compass headings, measuring distances, etc., getting ready for Saturday's race for power boaters. They've worked hard for this event, and this year's race will be quite different from what we've done in the past. It will prove to be quite an adventuresome challenge. By the time you get this newsletter the race will probably be over but I am anxious to hear the comments after the race at the dock party. (Some of us got stuck with KP duty, right Ron?)



Secretary's Comments

Ned W. Rhodes

With a nip in the air, an Executive Board Meeting was held September 15, 1988 to plan for the upcoming social events and General Membership Meeting to be held on October 1st.

Ron reported on a PRYCA Commodore's meeting which discussed the Queen of the Potomac Pageant. It is believed that in order to sponsor a pageant next year, nine clubs will have to sign up to support it by February 1. The

pageant would be held in the May-June time frame. The PRYCA board would be in charge of the pageant and the Commodore of the winning club would be a cosponsor for the next year. The pageant would be rotated among the various clubs that had facilities although the winning club would have to sponsor a contestants party.

Rich Ellis will be ordering 50 new burgees. Higher quality ones are available from a company called National Capital Flag Company, 3256 Colvin Street, Alexandria, Va. 22314, (703)751-2411.

The September party is set for the parking lot in front of A-Dock. The liquor license and plaques have been taken care of. For the Predicted Log/Scavenger Hunt competition, up to three markers will be used. Steve Worcester and I were put in charge of coming up with the course, getting the markers to OHM and placing them for the competition. Anyone who is not competing but would like to help, please give either one of us a call.

The list of candidates for the upcoming election was revised to reflect cancellations and petitions that have been received prior to the one month deadline of September 1. The revised list should appear in this issue of the *Daymarker*.

The Board moved to create a Bent Prop Award to be given out at the Christmas Party. The Board would like to encourage written nominations for both the First Commodore's Cup and the Bent Prop award.

Steve Worcester is to coordinate the Hearty Souls Cruise on November 11 -13.

Please plan on attending the General Membership Meeting on October 1st this year as it looks like an exciting race. If you are unable to attend, please turn in a proxy to anyone who is not running for office. Be sure to designate whom you want elected on the Proxy. Think of this as practice for the coming November elections.

MEMBERSHIP

Mer Piper

NEW MEMBERS:

We welcome the following new members into the OYC fold: Scott and Sandy Shortnacy-family aboard **SUN CLUB** berthed at OHM; Joe and Marcia Zivic-family aboard **STEAL AWAY** berthed at OHM; Charles and Vonda Barrow-family and Juniors Serena and Kendra aboard **NEMESIS** berthed at OHM; Dick and Caroline Lynn-family aboard **WISHIN' WAS FISHIN'** berthed at OHM; and, Don and Sandy Mori-family aboard **THAT'S A MORI II** also berthed at OHM.

RENEWALS:

Another quick reminder for those who have not already renewed, you can renew at the current rate until October 31. We will be prepared to do as many renewals as necessary at the General Membership Meeting October 1.

A MESSAGE FROM DUNMOEN

Mer Piper

This blurb is to notify the Club that the Membership people and the **DUNMOEN** will be away from OHM and in the yard for keel repair and bottom paint from October 8 until the job is completed. We will be operating out of our car once again (we're old hands at that!) and will be at the marina as often as possible. We will have burgees, decals, new-member packets, membership information, etc. We will be staying with friends for the duration and can be reached by phone at 703-860-0779 or John at work 703-620-8800.

WEEK LONG CRUISE

As promised, here is the "ships log" of the Week Long Cruise.

Sat. July 23 - Rain and early morning rushing around for last minute supplies and provisions caused our late departure - at least for **POWER PLAY** anyway. We were joined by a group giving us a send off with champagne while standing under umbrellas. We eventually left around noon and headed for Pt. Lookout Marina. Along the way we lost Gordon and Anita Murchie due to the fact that their transmission went out on their boat. We left them in Cobb Island for repairs with the hopes they would be joining us. We called later to learn that they would not be able to join us at all. The rain let up long enough to get docked and then it poured. Spent the rest of the day just lying around trying to recover from the previous night of last minute work on **POWER PLAY** and last minute packing.

Sun. July 24 - An early morning departure from Pt. Lookout and a much better day started our 2nd day of the cruise North up to Mears Yacht Haven Marina in Oxford, MD. The water was very choppy but gradually calmed down. Thought that we might lose a few of our members due to the choppy water but they just followed the Va. shoreline up to around Solomons and then cut across the Bay to Oxford. Wonderful marina with great facilities. Very inviting pool with wonderful deck area around pool. We were joined by Mike and Linda (and their daughter Karen) Broker who used to be docked at OHM but moved to take advantage of the Bay fishing. Dined at the famous Robert Morris Inn. Food was delicious. Back to the boats for some Pictionary for those who had not played. Some have decided not to chance the Bay again or don't want to go to Baltimore due to the fact they have been there before so they will be detouring to Tilghmon Island for the night to meet up with us in St. Michael's on Tuesday.

Mon. July 25 - Another early morning departure for Baltimore Inner Harbor Marina. The trip was wonderful with plenty of sights along the way. Petrey's, Worcester's and Tilmon's decided to get to Baltimore via Knapps Narrows through Tilghman Island. Very interesting and very narrow! The Martin's and Rasmuson's decided to spend the night at Tilghman Island. Baltimore's marina facilities are wonderful with plenty of security devices to make us and our boats feel

safe. Petrey's had the best seat in the house due to the fact their boat was facing all of the waterfront activity. Took the kids over to the Aquarium and spent a couple of hours sightseeing. Back to the boats to rest. Everyone split up and went their own way for dinner plans. Petrey's and Worcester's decided to dine Greek style.

Tues. July 26 - Departed Baltimore with high winds and rough waters. Bill Petrey tried to fly a kite he had just bought for Bryan but winds were too high and the boat was going too fast. While running out of Baltimore Bay, Petrey hit something and had to return to the Inner Harbour to find a marina to pull our boat. Told everyone else to go ahead and we would get in touch with them and let them know what was happening. Found a marina that pulled us immediately. When the boat was pulled we found an entire rubber tire slipped over the starboard prop (kind of like a donut on a pencil). No damage to new prop or new shaft which had just been fixed so we were on our way quickly. Took the tire with us to show the group because we knew they would not believe us. Caught up with the group and tied up with them only 30 minutes after they had arrived in St. Michael's. Facilities at St. Michael's City Dock very nice. Sat around the pool reliving our previous hours of frustration and luckily were able to laugh about it. Ron accused us of having a "blow out/tire". Dined at the Marina restaurant which was excellent. Met some really nice people from Pennsylvania, Peter and ML (Mary Louise) Crawford and talked them into joining the group in a Pictionary Tournament. Three boats with Pictionary games and 3 groups of teams on each boat. When one team from each boat would be decided then they played the winner from one of the other boats until we had boiled the game down to just 2 teams. The children played better than the grownups in some instances. Bryan Petrey (only 6 years old) surprised everyone with his ability at drawing. A late night but loads of fun and a chance to get to know some really nice people.

Wed. July 27 - Spent almost the entire day either lounging by the pool trying to keep cool or sightseeing and shopping in the town of St. Michaels. Everyone kind of did their own thing. Very relaxing and looking forward to Annapolis tomorrow. Brokers leaving the group to join up with us hopefully on Friday when we get to Vera's White Sands on St. Leonard's Creek.

Thurs. July 28 - Trip across the Bay and up to Annapolis very nice. Annapolis City Marina small but nice facilities. No pool. When there is no pool the only other choice is to SHOP. The guys made it to the first bar and told the women to go ahead and meet them there later. It was agreed that Annapolis would be a great place to live but the guys all said that they couldn't afford to keep us there. Dined at our favorite restaurant-Chart House. We were joined by Henry and Karen. This was a sort of surprise birthday party for Karen so we had a lot of fun. We all returned to the boats for more conversation and laughter which seems to be a perpetual thing with the Club.

Fri. July 29 - Departed Annapolis (regretfully) for Vera's up St. Leonards Creek. Place has not changed in two years. Lounged by the pool trying to cool off. Joined by Mike and Linda Broker again. Dined at Vera's Restaurant where the food had improved a little. Kids stayed on the docks and cooked crabs. Mike took movie videos of the group at poolside and later watched some old tapes of various activities we have had with the Club in the past. Lots of fun to watch. Later, we just sat around the docks remembering some of the old days.

Sat. July 30 - Left Vera's for Spring Cove Marina in Solomons. Great facilities with a wonderful pool. Most everyone lounged in the water due to the incredible heat and dined at the Lighthouse Restaurant. Some of the "members" had problems with service and wound up skipping around various restaurants trying to get a meal. Finally found a place. Wound up eating late, and returning to the boats to get ready to return home to OHM tomorrow.

Great cruise and thanks to Steve Worcester for his great cruise coordinating skills. How can we outdo ourselves next year?

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING and ELECTIONS October 1, 1988 at 7:30 p.m.

This is just a reminder that the General Membership Meeting and elections will be held at 7:30 p.m. at the Tall Oaks Community Center, 12298 Cottonmill Drive in Lake Ridge. Directions were in the last issue of the Daymarker but if you have any questions, please give any Board member a call.

Don't forget this is a BYOB and bring any hors d'oeuvre or dessert you feel like making. The Club will furnish the ice, set ups, cups, eating utensils and paper products.

This is also a notification to you that the slate of officers has changed with a timely petition presented for a new position and the withdrawal of 2 nominees. Please look over the slate of officers and be ready to vote on October 1st:

OYC NOMINEES - 1989

Commodore

Merilyn Piper

Terri Petrey

Vice Commodore

Bob LaSerte

Ned Rhodes

Executive Rear Commodore

Ginny Kildoyle

Lynn Martin

Secretary

Debbie Charles

Treasurer

Debbie Berard

Rich Ellis

LABOR DAY CRUISE

Terri Petrey

The Labor Day Cruise which started on September 3rd turned out to be one of the best cruises we have ever had. The best in terms of great participation, alot of new members joining in the fun and great facilities at Dennis Point Marina on the St. Mary's River.

Our original list of seven boats grew and we wound up having thirteen boats participating: Here are the boats and great group of people who decided to see what the OYC was really about:

POWERPLAY (Bill, Terri and Bryan Petrey and Maggie Martin), SOUTHERN NITES (Ron, Jean, and Sandi Tilmon), HEY JUDE (Roy and Jude Rasmuson), PAPA'S TOY (Ed Connor, and Cindy, Stephanie and Bobbie Butler), SUN CLUB (new members-Sandy and Scott Shortnacy), DAWN LYNN (Ed and Faye Detwiler), ELIZABETH SCOTT (Walt, Susan, Elizabeth and Scott Cheatum and 2 teenage friends), SHALIMAR (Tom and Mary Ann Coldwell), EMPTY NEST (George and Ginny Frank with guests), SEASCAPE (Rich and Josie Ellis), DEBBIE'S GUY (new members -Guy and Debbie Ferrante), ANDROMEDA III (new members - Carl and Janeal Way), and STEAL AWAY (new members Joe and Marcia Zivik). We had a total of 37 people; which included 4 teenagers, 4 children (under the age of 8) and 1 dog (I didn't include Nicholas!).

After our arrival on Saturday at 12:30 p.m. we had plenty of time to get everyone settled into their slips, relax by the pool and get to know some of the new people who had just joined the club. That same evening, owner and restaurant manager Nancy Gardner provided us with a buffet which included a delicious crab dish (which everyone enjoyed - recipe in *Daymarker*) along with ham, fresh homegrown corn on the cob, tomatoes, green beans, rolls, cole slaw, and for dessert, fresh baked Pineapple Upside Down Cake with homemade ice cream for the children. It was a truly delicious meal! The rest of the evening was spent out by the pool at the picnic tables enjoying a relaxing evening of boating stories and jokes.

On Sunday morning we awoke to a rather gray day but a great morning to grab a few extra winks. We had very short periods of sprinkling rain but it never dampened the spirits of anyone who did a lot of boat hopping and socializing. Bryan and Maggie spent the entire day crabbing and by midafternoon had caught over 2 dozen crabs themselves which Jean Tilmon steamed up for them. That afternoon we had prearranged with Nancy and Tracy Gardner to have furnished to us by one of their local friends, 3 bushels of fresh steamed crabs for only \$35 a bushel. The Gardners were afraid that the weather might dampen our picnic and graciously let us use their restaurant so that we wouldn't get caught in a downpour. In addition to the crabs, we had all brought along side dishes to share which more than rounded out the menu. I can't think of too many restaurant owners who would let a large group of people come in and bring their own food and

use their facilities, just out of kindness. All of us had nothing but the highest praise for these especially nice people and their wonderful sons who catered to our every whim. Later that evening, as most of us were still trying to get over our filling meal, one of the Gardner's sons dressed up like a gorilla and went around chasing adults and children much to the delight of all. When asked if he did this all the time he said, "I like to do it when there are holidays because it's the only time no one knows me and I can have some fun with our customers". As the evening progressed and it started sprinkling, we all headed for POWER PLAY and decided to break out the old *Pictionary* game which lasted until the wee hours. This game once again proved to bring out the "best/worst/funniest" in a player and kept us in stitches all evening.

Monday morning brought a flurry of departures for home to beat the bad weather and high winds that had been forecasted. POWER PLAY, ANDROMEDA III and SUN CLUB were the last to leave but not before extending our thanks to the Gardners for their hospitality once again and a promise to return soon.

GALLEY NOTES

Terri Petrey

On the first night of our Labor Day Cruise to Dennis Point Marina, we enjoyed a wonderful buffet compliments of Nancy Gardner and her cooking staff. Everyone raved about this dish and Nancy graciously shared it with us. So for all of the participants who wanted me to put this recipe into *The Daymarker*, here it is folks! I've already tried it and it's quick and easy to make, makes a great buffet dish, and tasted just as good as it did that night at Dennis Point.

Chesapeake Crab Casserole

1/2 cup mayonnaise	2 Tbs. flour
2 beaten eggs	8 oz. grated sharp
1 2/3 cup crabmeat	1/2 cup half and half
1/3 cup grated onion	(or any milk but skim milk)

Combine mayonnaise, flour, beaten eggs and milk until blended. Stir in crabmeat, cheese and onions. Put in a greased baking dish. Bake at 350 degrees for 40-45 minutes or until lightly browned. Let stand for 5 minutes before cutting.

ANNAPOLIS BOAT SHOW

October 13-16

Terri Petrey

Has the boating bug bitten you yet? Getting that urge to start looking at another boat? Well, it's that time of year again and the Annapolis Boat Show is finally here! And with it comes the annual get together of OYC'ers who take a well deserved Friday off and join in a day of "wishing, hoping, thinking and praying" that they can finally find the boat of their dreams. I seem to remember last year touting about bigger and faster boats but have since learned that maybe smaller and faster is better, especially when it comes to cleaning and waxing! OK, I'm fickle but one of these days we're bound to get it right! Or are we!?

In any case, a bunch of us "fickle fellows" get together, usually on the Friday of the Boat Show, and spend the day touring and trying to make up our minds as to whether or not we want to trade for another boat and go through the hassle of deliveries, promised deadlines, price, options, etc. In our case, WE HAVE! After a few hours we meet for lunch and discuss our findings, return for a second or third tour, then join the group at The Chart House for dinner. In the past this has always been a fun day for all and we really look forward to it each year.

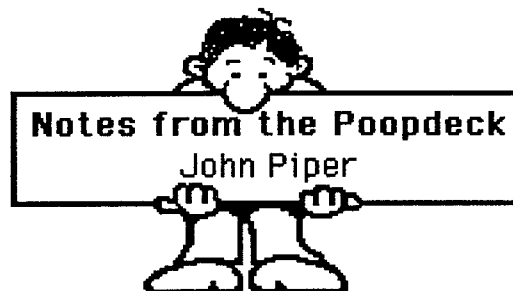
Anyone who might be interested in further details for this Friday outing, give me a call. Now, I have one of those obnoxious answering machines (and have been told that I need to change my answering message - which I will do when I think of what to say) so please leave your name and phone number and I promise to get back to you. I look forward to hearing from you.

3rd Annual Chili Cookoff October 29, 1988

With October 29th just around the corner and the 3rd Annual Chili Cookoff almost upon us, its time to start concocting your best-ever chili recipe. Back in 1986 the originator of this idea Rita Jacobs, was trying to break the repetition of another "hot dog and hamburger cook out" for the club. The idea is to get one entry from each dock and one entry from members not at OHM to submit their best pot of chili. But in order to do this there needs to be a pre-chili cookoff. One partying soul from each dock donates his house at a pre-chili cookoff party and invites all OYC members from that dock. At their party all participants will chose which pot of chili from their group is the best and that recipe will be used in the final cookoff on the 29th. Within the next few weeks you will be called by a member on your dock and asked to participate. Please plan on attending as this has always been an enjoyable change from the normal Club cook outs. This year with the chili cookoff at a better time of the year we should have no problem with cooler temperatures and trying to handle a bowl of chili with cold hands.

This year the cookoff will be held at 4:00 p.m. in the A-Dock parking lot. This will be a BYOEEverything else, i.e., nachos, TACO SALAD (SS!), bread and dessert. Don't forget to bring your deck chairs if you want to sit. The Club will

furnish the bowls, plates, paper goods, eating utensils, sodas and the beer. If you don't like chili then bring some hot dogs or hamburgers and we'll cook them. See you there!



Have you ever thought about emergency repairs? I'm talking about those real emergencies when you are taking on water. Maybe you hit a piling with a nail in it and punctured the hull or the engine cooling line has ruptured. These are immediate problems that require an immediate solution. Even worse, what if you have a collision with another boat and you have a large hole below the waterline? What can you do in an emergency?

A little planning now just may save your hide and your boat. Take a mental inventory of what you have on board that could be used to stop the water from coming in. If a line has ruptured, do you know where the seacock is located? Is it working properly and can you close it? For small holes in the hull a soft wooden plug can be hammered in. These are also very useful when a seacock carries away. Where do you get wooden plugs, you ask. Check the current Boat/U.S. catalog, page 73.

What to do when that pipe ruptures or you have a larger hole in the hull? How about a resin impregnated fiberglass tape that cures in air and even faster underwater? Wad it up and stuff it in the hole or wrap it around the ruptured pipe. It will cure rock hard in minutes. Never heard of such a neat thing? Check the current Boat/U.S. catalog, page 244. It's listed under "Emergency Cloth" and has a brand name of "Syntho-glass". Nice stuff to have on hand when you need it.

What about the really big hole in the hull - the one that you could stick your head through if it wasn't for all the water pouring in? This calls for major steps to be taken as fast as possible. The idea is to stop as much water as possible as soon as possible in order for the bilge pumps to catch up with the inflow. This is no time to be worried about water stains on your carpet. You are trying to keep your boat from sinking. Anything will do. Jam flotation cushions or a blanket or even the mattress from the bunk into that hole. Prop it as tight as possible from the inside with a boat hook or pole of some kind. The more you can slow down the water, the better chance you have of getting back to help.

If you want, you can make up a "Crash Pad" or "Collision Mat" in advance. This can be a piece of waterproof canvas or rubberized material of some kind, approximately three to four feet square. Attach lines to each corner long enough to reach under your boat. When the unthinkable happens, lower the collision mat over the side and position it over the hole with the attached lines. The water pressure will hold it tight against the hull and the lines will prevent it from slipping. With this rigged, you should be able to return to port at slow speed.

Take the time now to think it through and be prepared for the worst. It's like an insurance policy. You hope that you never need it, but you would be foolish not to have one. Do I have the above items? You bet!

D.C. REQUIRES FISHING LICENSE

(Excerpts from Bay Magazine, Sept. 1988)

Potomac River fishermen take note: the District of Columbia now requires a fishing license for those who want to fish in its waters. As of May, anglers must possess an annual license at the cost of \$5.00. Licenses for non-residents are \$7.50; a 14-day non-resident license is \$3.00. The licenses are available at several area sport shops or call (201)727-7170 for information. The District, aware of general trends in the decline of marine life in the Chesapeake and Potomac Rivers, enacted the fishing regulations last year. Licensing will provide a means for the government to educate fishermen about the regulations on catch and size limits.

PRYCA

What follows is a report from Bob LaSerte as reported to Mer Piper on the Quarterly Delegates' Meeting of the Potomac River Yacht Clubs Association, which Bob attended as the OYC Delegate on Wednesday, September 14.

—The Coast Guard has announced that their new blood alcohol level is .10%, which is now the same as the states of Maryland and Virginia. They are now authorized to use behavioral signs, such as slurring of words, erratic activity to make an arrest. These steps now bring the Coast Guard in line with everyone else.

—As we have already heard, Maryland and Virginia have banned the use of TBT bottom paint; however, the EPA is still looking at this and stronger guidelines are expected. Bob said the State Agencies would be called to obtain an approved paint list.

—Regarding the battle of Coast Guard/Auxiliary versus Commercial Tow - if you are in distress, the Coast Guard or the Auxiliary can tow you if first on the scene and you are in imminent danger. Nighttime is no longer considered "imminent danger". If you are requesting a tow and a commercial tow can get there in less than one hour, you are obligated to go with the commercial tow. If the time frame exceeds one hour, the the Coast Guard or the Auxiliary will tow you. All commercial towers now must be licensed.

—The Zero Tolerance Law has been relaxed in that they have to have proof that the owner was aware that the boat was carrying drugs; and, they will not seize the boat if the crew could conceivably consume the drugs before reaching port.

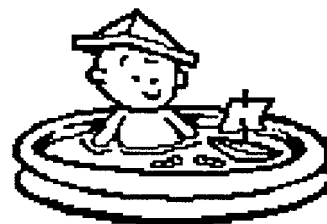
—The D.C. Metropolitan Police now monitor Channel 16 twenty-four hours a day. Their duty rosters and logs are now available to the PRYCA watchdogs which enables them to make spot checks to make sure they are out patrolling the water. The Police are cooperating.

—Regarding Ft. Washington - there were three companies working on proposals to do the dredging. Two have

backed out, so DNR has to get some more companies to bid on the dredging thus making the dredging of the creek off. The bulkhead work was supposed to be finished this Fall but it now appears they are three to four months behind. However, gas is still available (if you can get in the channel).

—Ft. McNair is hosting a Christmas Tree lighting and Hot Toddie Party on December 12 and all participating PRYCA Clubs are invited.

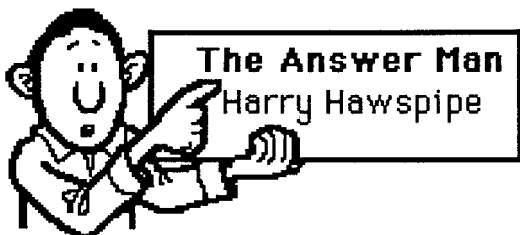
—The Presidential Yacht, SEQUOIA, will be winding down her fund-raising tour prior to being turned over to the Navy for Presidential use. The OYC has suggested a flotilla escorting her home. The Vice Commodore of Aquia is in close touch with the Presidential Yacht Trust Fund and a more definite schedule will be provided. According to newspaper accounts, the SEQUOIA will be in Baltimore October 10-23, and in Alexandria October 28-30. The PRYCA is excited about the prospect of escorting her from Alexandria to the Washington Channel. . . that leaves the escort up the river up to the various clubs along the way. For those of you who participated in the flotilla escorting the tall ships into Washington, you will remember how much fun it was. A telephone relay will be created to pass along the information for coordinating this effort. It will most likely mean a day off of work probably October 28 - now wouldn't you just love to have an excuse to take a three-day weekend and escort the SEQUOIA to her new home.



KIDS KUP

Mer Piper

The KIDS KUP Sailing Regatta and Power Predicted Log Race will be held on Saturday, November 5. As of Sept. 19, details are still somewhat sketchy, but for those interested in participating, the Sailing Regatta will commence about 10:00 a.m., the Power Predicted Log Race will run from between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. All participants will gather at the Fairfax Yacht Club at 5:00 p.m. for a catered dinner, and the presentation of the awards. The entry fee for the Predicted Log Race is \$30.00, which is tax deductible (no fee provided for the Regatta) with proceeds going to Children's Hospital in Washington. Last year the KIDS KUP presented \$3,400 to the Hospital. Watch the local marinas for further details and posters. OYC has been placed on the list to receive applications, etc. Hopefully we will have them in time to include with the November Daymarker.



Once again, a letter has come pouring in, so against our better judgement, we bring you our resident know-it-all, Harry Hawspipe, the "Answer Man".

Dear Harry - Fall is in the air and I am getting ready to winterize my boat. Last year, I used that pink "potable" anti-freeze for the fresh water system. It worked quite well, but the awful taste took weeks to flush out this spring. Do you have any suggestions? Q.M.

Personally, I winterize my fresh water system with 100% vodka. It never freezes. The cost is just a little bit more than the pink anti-freeze but just consider the fun of opening up your boat in the spring! There is no need to flush the system at all. Just start using it.

Dear Harry - Everyone in the Yacht Club has remarked on how dirty my swim platforms are. I have tried to clean them, but the icky, slimy brown stuff doesn't seem to easily come off. What do you suggest? N.R.

I'd paint them with bottom paint and tell everybody that they were trim tabs.

Dear Harry - I want to purchase a bigger boat, but I can't convince my girlfriend to help finance the venture even though we would both be using it. I am not in her Will, so do you have any other suggestions? (possible answers here are 1) get a new girlfriend ; 2) become Treasurer of the OYC ; or, 3) both. R.N.

I really can't approve of either of your possible answers. I have ogled, er, I should say watched your girlfriend while on security patrol and I feel that you may have a rough time doing as well with a new girlfriend. As for your second answer, the present OYC Treasurer bought a new boat this year so I doubt that there are enough extra funds to finance your project. You should probably consider marrying the girl and hope for a sizeable dowry.

Dear Harry - While my mother was on a shopping trip to the Williamsburg Pottery Factory, she picked me up a hawshole. Which is the proper side of the boat to display it, left or port? D.S.

As you should know, a Pottery Factory hawshole is strictly a decorative item in the nautical motif and thus can be displayed wherever you choose. Keep in mind however, that pottery hawsholes should never be displayed on the same side of your boat as your pink flamingos. I would recommend either the right or starboard sides.

Dear Harry - I am too cheap to buy all the boating magazines that are available. Which one or ones are the best so that I can just subscribe to them? I have tried to hang around the dumpster when the Pipers throw their copies out, but I have a hard time finding them among all the duck food containers. C.B.

Yes, you are too cheap. For openers, however, I would recommend that you subscribe to "The Hedonists Review of Nude Sailboarding" and "Hitching a Ride to the Bahamas".

UPCOMING COAST GUARD COURSES

Chantilly High School - September 26 - 368-6890. Call for information.

Stonewall Jackson High School - October 31 - 368-6890.

A State sponsored course -

Jefferson High School in Annandale - October - 573-8839

Jefferson High School - January - 573-8839

Sailing Course in Annandale on March 13, 1989

VETERAN'S DAY HEARTY SOUL CRUISE November 11-13, 1988

Steve Worcester has once again graciously stepped forward and elected to head up the cruise for the Veteran's Day Hearty Soul Cruise to be held on November 11-13, 1988. If anyone has any suggestions as to where they might like to go on this trip, please call Steve Worcester at 494-2383 after 6 p.m. The deadline for publishing the date for this cruise will be October 20th.

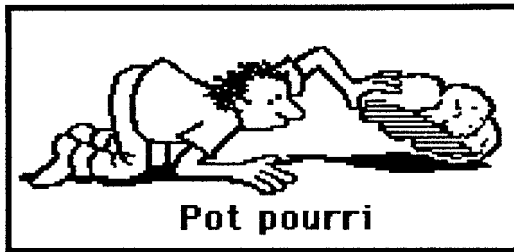
AWARDS

Just a reminder that the Board is still trying to get recommendations from the membership regarding the First Commodore's Cup and the Bent Prop Award candidates to be selected sometime in November. These awards will be presented at the Change of Command Banquet and Christmas Party on December 3, 1988. Your recommendation can be in the form of a verbal comment but we prefer that you give us a written recommendation and mail it to the OYC P.O. Box or give it to any Board member.

The Commodore's Cup was donated to the OYC by Bill and Paula Shaw who wanted this award to be given to the member whose yacht best exemplifies the title 'Yacht of the Year' based on factors such as underway operation, maneuvering, docking, anchoring and year round appearance and upkeep.

The Bent Prop Award is a new award this year which will be given to the member who throughout the year has had various kinds of bad luck. It was suggested to one of our members (by a member of a N.J. yacht club) who expressed that "its simple to give an award to someone who has nothing but good luck all year, but for the majority of us who have, at one time or another, run aground, bent a shaft(s), dinged our prop(s), or just had something go wrong, it's more difficult because there are so many contestants!"

Anyone who has any suggestions or comments, please give one of your Board members a call.



Bob P. draws the same Pictionary clues for every category but somehow RT manages to guess something different for each drawing and as amazing as it may seem, sometimes he is even right.

GF added to the list of people who decided (involuntarily) to take a swim during our Labor Day cruise. We thought that maybe she had decided to start a "wet T-shirt" contest - a sure winner but it was too cold so she did it alone!

It was rumored that BP found a new boat that needed a little work. TP didn't think he was serious but she was told that he "touched it" and that meant he was definitely interested.

The Club has its resident celebrity. Take a look at Tom Coldwell at night and tell us he doesn't look like Phil Donohue. OK, maybe not exactly like Phil but let me tell you he does have other talents and he is one heck of a rain dancer!

A few members mistakened CW as our illustrious leader Commodore Tilmon. They do look alike but RT needs to grow a moustache if he wants to look like CW or else CW has to shave. Personally, I could tell the difference because Ron does part his hair.

CW and JW want to say to Ron Tilmon and Bob Petrey "Pictionary will never be the same".

"Thanks to all OYC members on the Dennis Point Trip for making Carl and I feel such welcomed members to the yacht club". Janeal Way

RC got his 2nd birthday baptism by 8 female OYC'ers at an impromptu weekend raftup at the Dunes. He said, "When I saw all those women converging on me, I knew something was up".

RT found some extraordinary uses for a funnel on our weekend at the Dunes - water bucket, hat, wearing apparel and sand castle-making tool. We never realized he had that much ingenuity.

AM was delivery boy at the Dunes with 20 lbs. of shrimp which were promptly steamed and eaten.

BP had 2 "Dirty Dancing" hood ornaments on his bow during the slow cruise back down river from the Dunes.

JT complained about how everyone else kept catching fish but her, but somehow she was left holding the bag of fish - and cleaning them too!

RT carried out his "commodorial duties" by chasing everyone from the beach at the Dunes before the flotilla of 9 boats arrived at the impromptu raft up. We don't know what he did, but whatever it was it worked! By the end of the day we had 13 boats joining us. And this was just an impromptu cruise?

Guy and Debbie Ferrante have experienced in the short time they have been members of the club, our Labor Day trip to Dennis Point and the raft up at the Dunes. They say they have loved both trips and can hardly wait for the next one.

EC is telling everyone that ever since he hit those "rockfish" and got a new prop, he can now pull a skier.

TP has been reported to have at least 50 bathing suits but over the Dunes weekend it was learned every single one of them were dirty and she needed to borrow a suit.

Classified Ads

10' Avon inflatable with 15 horse Johnson outboard. The Avon has a rigid transom and can be used for water skiing. Goes like stink but is too big for our needs. Includes six gallon gas can, engine manuals and some engine spare parts. Call John Piper at work, 620-8800.

25' Chris Craft Catalina Hardtop. 225 H.P. V-8. Closed water cooling system. Private head, sink and electric running water. Galley w/2 burner electric/alcohol stove. Refrigerator. Sleeps four. 25 gal. fresh water/50 gal. fuel. VHF and CB. Trim tabs. Electric auxillary fuel pump, brand new barrier coat on hull. Excellent condition. Low hours. Call Rich Ellis at 690-6186.

1987 46' Sea Ray Express Cruiser, T/Turbo Cats. 15 KW Generator. Fully equipped. Loran, auto pilot, depth sounder, log, 2 VHF. Dual stateroom/2 heads with showers, TDX System. Galley equipped with microwave and 3-burner stove, side-by-side refrig/freezer, coffee maker, can opener, and blender. Entertainment package includes, CD player, cassette player, VCR with 10 inch TV. Dinette which seats 6 comfortably also makes into a bed. For further information call Bill Petrey, 922-6300 (wk) or 690-6577 (hm).



OCTOBER TIDES

Correction (-): 00:15 EST 01:15 EDT

	DATE	TIME (DC) EST	TIME (OCCOQUAN) EDT	TIDE
ANNUAL FALL MEETING AND ELECTIONS SATURDAY Saturday-Oct-1	Saturday-Oct-1	06:53	06:38	0.1
		12:05	11:50	2.6
		18:43	18:28	0.1
	Sunday-Oct-2	00:16	00:01	2.9
		07:49	07:34	0.2
		13:09	12:54	2.5
		19:41	19:26	0.3
	Saturday-Oct-8	00:28	00:13	0.3
		06:09	05:54	2.8
		12:54	12:39	0.3
	Sunday-Oct-9	18:33	18:18	2.9
		01:15	01:00	0.3
		06:51	06:36	2.9
		13:30	13:15	0.3
		19:07	18:52	3.0
COLUMBUS DAY	Monday-Oct-10	01:59	01:44	0.3
		07:28	07:13	2.9
		14:04	13:49	0.3
		19:37	19:22	3.1
	Saturday-Oct-15	05:26	05:11	0.6
		10:18	10:03	2.7
		17:00	16:45	0.5
		22:25	22:10	3.2
	Sunday-Oct-16	06:13	05:58	0.7
		11:02	10:47	2.6
		17:47	17:32	0.6
		23:14	22:59	3.1
	Saturday-Oct-22	04:46	04:31	2.9
		11:51	11:36	0.1
		17:13	16:58	3.1
	Sunday-Oct-23	00:22	00:07	-0.1
		05:43	05:28	3.0
		12:41	12:26	-0.1
		08:04	07:49	3.3
Chili Cookoff! STANDARD TIME STARTS!	Saturday-Oct-29	05:36	05:21	2.7
		10:46	10:31	0.2
		17:25	17:10	2.6
		22:52	22:37	0.1
	Sunday-Oct-30	06:27	05:12	2.6
		11:42	10:27	0.0
		18:18	17:03	2.7
		23:47	22:32	-0.1

STANDARD TIME STARTS OCTOBER 30TH