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Commodore's Comments

Steve Wexler

We Are the Champions of (Our) World!

That's right. It started at Coles Point Plantation over the July 4th weekend...the mighty have fallen. The Marines were mugged by the magnificent OYC volleyball team. (Details to follow, read on).

And it didn't end there. After a fun-filled week-long cruise the OYC flotilla floated in to the PRYCA annual festivities at Fort Washington Marina. PRYCA and Aquia Harbour Yacht Club apparently decided to retire the Aquia Cup (notwithstanding the fact that OYC was the only other club to have its named engraved along with AHYC). So this year was the inaugural PRYCA Cup competition. And once again skill, science, good looks, charm and a lot of silly luck prevailed as OYC took home all the marbles when Commodore Lou Parris announced "and the winner is Occoquan Yacht Club." Oh, what a night....

But I jumped ahead of myself. Back to Cole's Point where we found out that if you can't beat them...get one of your own. With Gene "the Dream, our own little Marine" Brown leading the charge of Laslo "the Terminator" Bozoky, Bill "the

Cutter" Cuttler, the Family Lincks, Rick Sorrenti, "Mr. Kool" Kuzma, Anna "too hot to touch the" Burner, Mike "stomp 'em" Troup and Susan "I got it" von Schaack, and a supporting crew, the OYC mashers spiked the Marines back to Quantico with a straight set victory.

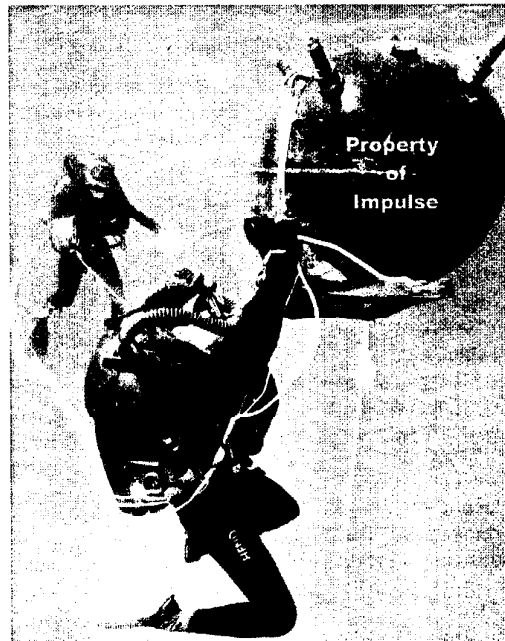
The split July 4th cruise worked super.

The five boats (including *moi*) at Port Kinsale Marina journeyed up to Coles Point on Saturday and enjoyed the day visiting with our friends.

The afternoon found twelve of us over at Bushfield Golf Club for an OYC Championship with three Captain's choice teams. We were inspired by Coldwell's [attempted] chip shot from *Shalimar's* bow pulpit into *Sweet Gussie's* cockpit. I would be remiss if I didn't mention that the winners (by one stroke) were ... I'd rather be remiss, it obviously wasn't me.

But I promised and will produce trophies to the winning team at the

OYC Holiday Party (a poorly disguised method of getting at least three couples to attend). The Worcestersters, Burners, and Wexlers enjoyed the company of Messrs. Coldwell, Brown, Dahl, Jacobsen, and the *Marietta* crew.



Dinghy Regatta Safety—SCUBA divers disarm a hazard placed in the race course by an over-zealous OYC dinghy crew. The fun filled regatta and raft-up are set for August 23-24 in Mattawoman Creek. More details inside.



Volleyball Champions—This is the stalwart OYC crew that finally, after two years of trying and failing, toppled the Quantico Yacht Club team. But you can bet after all our crowing about this victory, those QYC warriors will be back next year with a vengeance. Photo by Dottie Jacobsen. Similar view from Ned Rhodes.

And then it was on to the Upper Chesapeake week-long...but Paula and I weren't able to attend so please read all about it in the other articles.

The Float In, ah, the Float In

So we wound up at Fort Washington for the PRYCA Float In. As Nedley often said about members and events, the whole week-end was a "target-rich" environment. On Friday night, Susan "never too late for dessert" Cheatham proudly announced that Walt intended to "be all he could be" for the duration. Sometimes we think Susan's been around Walt too long, because we have to try hard to understand. By Saturday morning Susan followed up by letting us all know that "Walt was a shade behind in the all he could be category."

Friday afternoon and evening was a lot of lines and "fending off" as the OYC boats arrived. Dave "I never met a line I couldn't handle" Moore apparently met his match when after four or five boats he stumbled and slammed his head...and he thought he was back at the Cole's Point volleyball match.

He was fine the next day, because Dave, together with Bill Fulford, Jill Hayes and Carol Walsh aced the navigation quiz portion of the PRYCA Cupcompetition. Our shore dexterity crew of Jim Ball, Bonnie Fulford, Chip Hayes and that lovable Susan Cheatham tied knots, threw lassos and tossed life rings to our rousing pleasure. Teresa Sorrenti and first mate Paula organized the greatest group of scavengers ever assembled, even if we didn't get the stuff turned in on time, doesn't 1300 mean 3 o'clock in the afternoon??

But the *coup de gras* (or *pate foie gras*, or some other French dip) was our group of dinghies. Setting an all-time water speed record (or at least the winning time) were Gene the Marine, his dear Susan, Carol "steer the boat for Gene" Walsh and that guy Gary who steers Carol's boat.

It was awe inspiring when they announced "OYC" and the D.J. hit "YMCA" as the cast of forty-five members shamelessly paraded around the dance floor passing the cup from head to head, are we good winners or what? I truly was proud when one of the Capital Yacht Club members jokingly said it must be tough to be the Commodore of a group with absolutely no enthusiasm. All I can say is WOW, what a great group to be with. It's my honor and pleasure.

Looking ahead...

OYC Potomac, Mid-Bay Week-long Cruise, August 2-10.

As you read this Daymarker, Tom Egmore will be leading the charge for the club's second week-long of the year. We wish them clear skies and smooth cruising. We hope the second week-long is as good as the first.

Summer Cruise to Colonial Beach, August 16-17.

Once again, Carol "Ycs Steve, I have to bring Gary to fuel the boat" Walsh has planned a great Luau party at Colonial Beach Yacht Center. If you need details contact Carol. I know she's got a heavy sign-up, but I'm sure she'll be able to squeeze in a few more.

Dinghy Regatta Raft-up at Mattawoman August 23-24.

On the way back from the Float-in, *Lord Barron*, *Bandit*, *Sweet Gussie*, *Shalimar*, *Sea Duck Too*, *Saint 'n Sinner*, and *Hot Schatz* rafted up in the regatta location just past the State Park in Mattawoman. We didn't race dinghies, but we can report that the cove is ready, willing and able to provide all Regatta participants with a great time. There's no real sign-up, but if you get a chance please call Susan so she can get an idea as to how many will be attending.

Labor Day Cruise to Coles Point August 30-September 1.

Tom Coldwell let you know the details last month. There have been some cancellations, so there may be room for you yet. Call Tom now, 323-1675. First in with deposit checks, first served. (See last month's Daymarker.)

Shrimp Feast at Mattawoman September 13-14.

An OYC tradition, weather permitting (Those of us who didn't go two years ago due to weather conditions will never live down the "wimp" titles bestowed upon us). Any way, get your shrimp orders to PC Aaron Martin, who even though he doesn't have a boat, has offered to once again purchase the shrimp. It's a raft-up in the dunes of Mattawoman, if you haven't been there don't miss this one, it's gorgeous, a beautiful ride, and a whole lot of fun. The sign-up is the shrimp order. If you're allergic to shrimps or just don't like short people, you can still come, bring a side dish to share, some firewood if you'd like, a bag of marshmallows, some Hershey's chocolate for smores, and some great fireside stories or songs.

PRYCA End of Summer Party. See the sign-up sheet elsewhere in this Daymarker. But don't forget what Peggy Ball said, First the Marines at Volleyball, then the PRYCA Cup, and finally the End of Summer trophy, a Triple Crown. Be there to see it.

Officer Nominations for 1998

The Nominating Committee has concluded their prolonged and arduous deliberations and are pleased to present the following slate of nominees for your consideration for next year's Board:

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| Commodore | Teresa Sorrenti |
| Vice Commodore | Janine Washington |
| Rear Commodore | Peggy Ball |
| Secretary | Walt "Scribner" Cheatham |
| Treasurer | Tony Mirando |

Naturally, you will have the opportunity to make additional nominations from the floor (or your seat) at the OYC Annual Membership Meeting at Fairfax Yacht Club on October 25th. The slate of nominees will be repeated in next month's Daymarker. If any of you wish to run for office or would like to propose additional names (of members who have consented) then please contact me directly.

And as always, see you on the River!

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The editor may be reached by phone at home, 703-323-1675

Dinghy Regatta & Mattawoman Raft-Up, August 23-24

Don't miss the August 23rd and 24th weekend,
Not much money for mooring to spend,
Stay for the day or stay overnight,
Whenever you're there will make it just right.

No dinghy's required, just bring your best drink mix
Enjoy the competition and probably a few tricks
Start the raft around 3:00 up Mattawoman Creek.
The second bay inside is where you should peek.

Awards will be given for the best dinghy time
To the team whose performance is awesome and fine.
Sixteen boats signed up for the show
So call Susan Brown to confirm or say no..... 339-6404

July 4th Weekend at Coles Point

by Rick Sorrenti, Cruise Coordinator

A glorious weekend to begin the OYC upper Bay week-long was started over the 4th of July weekend at Coles Point Plantation. Fourteen boats and crews found their way through bright sunshine and smooth waters to Coles Point.

We enjoyed fireworks on Friday evening, after some friendly tussling with Quantico YC over the picnic tables started what was to be the beginning of our quest for the "Triple Crown." Saturday brought the remaining crews to Coles Point from Yeocomico, where Steve Wexler was hosting the overflow crowd (thank you, Steven).

Saturday morning started with a complimentary continental breakfast hosted by the Tucker family followed by a hike ride "down the road a piece" on those narrow seats that are standard equipment on Dahon bikes. Then came the volleyball practice, in the wee morning hours (10AM) with the Marines showing up for the annual game.

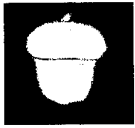
Our first team started and after we were down 11-1 our first team rallied to perform flawlessly. Thanks to "our Marine," showing what a Marine is really like, we went on the win the first game.

With success under our belts, the second game was an absolute white wash. The thunderous service, clocked at 66 mph, by our very own Eugene Brown resulted in a 2/0 win for OYC. With the first leg of the Triple Crown complete we were all saying "bring on the PRYCA Float-In!" [Competition or not, it was great to get together again with our Quantico friends.]

Later on Saturday the annual OYC golf game, organized by Steve Wexler, which was too far away to ride bikes to, was another highlight for those who know how to play the silly game. Sunday brought on the first day of the week-long with boats heading north into the Bay.

My thanks to Peter and Lynn Tucker for their efforts, making Coles Point the destination of choice.

For the complete and heavily varnished account of Week-Long I, read on....



Treasurer's Comments

Peggy Ball

1997 Northern Chesapeake Adventure Cruise

Wow, what a trip! We really had the magic recipe of great OYCers, mild weather and calm waters. Fifteen boats left their slips to begin this cruise on the northern Bay and only one was unable to finish the itinerary they planned.

Pat & Ray were the early birds beginning this cruise, but only made it to the power lines before discovering a problem with the outdrive. Fortunately, they made it back to Fairfax Yacht Club safely and were able to join OYC at Coles Point by car for the annual Fourth of July weekend. Rick & Teresa Sorrenti were our hosts at Coles Point, and a fine job they did—a wonderful prelude to the week long trip to come.

The cruisers for the Bay trip met Saturday for navigation tips and tide checks to safely get us around Point Lookout and to our first port—Annapolis. A big thanks to the captain of *Impulse* for taking on this task as the crew of *Cheers II* fortified themselves at the restaurant. Further pointers and details were discussed after dinner—even as the sun set and the captains faded.

Minnetoka Maiden, *Uff Da 3*, and *Halfspeed* got an early start while the rest of us refueled our bodies and Boats.

Lovin' Life, *Kitt*, *Marietta* and *Snarlin Marlin* waited for no one as they raced past us all to start the party in Annapolis. *Hot Schatz*, *Sea Duck Too*, *Class Act* and *Cheers II* enjoyed the efforts of *Impulse* to photograph our boats as we made our way north.

Annapolis visit

All's going perfectly so far, right? W-e-l-l, first we have to find Back Creek in a sea of sailboats—both under power and sail. Is everyone clear on the rules of right of way? Not a chance. Sailboats own Annapolis waters in case you have any doubts in your mind.

After the captain of *Cheers II* exchanged words, honks and some sort of new sign language with a sailor or two, we finally found a towboat to follow into the channel. So far so good. Now we call the marina where the larger boats are staying—including *Cheers II*. Annapolis Landing Marina comes on the radio and tells us that they have no reservations for OYC. This calm (for a red-head) cruise co-ordinator makes a straight course for the gas dock of ALM and enters into a "discussion" with the dock master. After producing proof of payment and reservations, the dock master agreed to stop telling OYCers the reservations were never made. We refueled (ALM was the only pump in site), and proceeded to negotiate with Mears Marina where the smaller boats were staying.

Mears was an absolute delight to work with and used every possible angle to accommodate our boats. They juggled, re-arranged and squeezed until all OYC boats were docked and happy. This is one professional and customer-friendly marina with some of the best shore facilities on the Bay. *Lucky Ducks* joined us at Mears from their summer slip in Kent Narrows. Happy Hour immediately broke out and everyone enjoyed one of the wonderful restaurants in the area.

The next morning, the rested cruisers started the day with the group coffee ritual. Fresh muffins were enjoyed and plans for the day were made. *Lovin' Life* and *Halfspeed* quickly found the pool. Bikes were unpacked and shared. Routes were planned for the walk over to Ego Alley. *Class Act* enjoyed a sight seeing cruise. The Annapolis harbor area was packed with OYCers—they were everywhere you shopped and ate. What fun!

Monday night brought the group cook-out preceded by Happy Hour, of course. Captains brought out their charts and plotted the course for Tuesday's trip into Baltimore's Inner Harbor. *Impulse* and *Lucky Ducks* exchanged gifts selected specially for each captain. Who knew the gifts would be matching placemats with charts of the Bay! (Arleene was pleased because Ned had worn out his old placemat and needed one for navigating the rest of the cruise).

Mears provided a great covered deck and a gas grill. A big thanks to the *Marietta* and their guests Cindy and Terry for the "boat" ice cream. Cindy has the magic touch getting the right formula of ice, water and salt to produce a wonderful treat for all. This night we enjoyed grape and lemon-lime sherberts. We had a great evening.

It must be noted that service calls were required in Annapolis by *Hot Schatz* and *Sea Duck Too*. Something about radar, autopilot and shake down cruises. Everything was put in working order and all were ready to proceed.

Baltimore bound...

Tuesday morning found us on our way to Baltimore. On leaving Annapolis, several boats took a nice cruise up Ego Alley on the way out and found Eric Clapton's boat *Blue Guitar* moored there. I hear there are pictures available on request. The trip to Baltimore was short, and the water was calm—what more could you want? The only difficulty was the marking of the no wake zone in the harbor—but you have to ask *Uff Da 3* for details.

All I want to say about Baltimore is it was great and Inner Harbor East had our reservations waiting for us. It doesn't get any better than that for a cruise co-ordinator. Teresa Sorrenti has all the Baltimore stories in her article—so I won't spill any of the prob—...er, details.

Moving on..

Thursday morning found 12 OYCers headed to Solomons. *Lucky Ducks* decided to stay in Baltimore and head back to Kent Narrows later. The rest of us headed out into the Bay to find the strong following seas. It was a rough ride for some as well as a wet ride for *Lovin' Life*. Dani was real happy to get in the slip at Spring Cove. We welcomed *Evermoore* at this stop to join us in the last legs of our trip.

Saturday we moved on to the last port on our trip—Dennis Point Marina. Everyone got in their slips and headed for the pool. *Impulse* noticed their generator wasn't working and of course, all the OYC mechanics headed over to lend a hand. Laslo (the real mechanic) decided the fuel filter needed be removed and checked/replaced.

We gathered to enjoy the deck and outdoor bar. It was a great place to have Happy Hour and watch the sun begin to set. Sunday was another great boating day. It just couldn't have been a better end to a great trip. The best part of all is the fun and fellowship of OYC boaters and friends. This was truly a trip to be remembered and even repeated.



Vice Commodore's Comments

Teresa Sorrenti

Stage Three: "Balmer"

The third part of the week-long began just as easily as all of the others, with an smooth ride up the Bay. It is remarkable what a nice stretch of water Annapolis is when it is not covered shore to shore in sailboats.

Baltimore has a strict No Wake zone; just ask Jim Jacobsen to show you his souvenir speeding ticket. Unfortunately *Sea Duck Too* had a slight problem coming in, as when the throttle cable breaks and one engine will not come down to idle! (This is what happens when you use a week-long as your 'shakedown' cruise for a new boat).

If you have to have a problem, though, the OYC is the group to have it with. We arranged to tie up on the T-pier temporarily, and a dozen OYCers were there to ease us in on one engine. This was great, but to my eyes the best sight was Arleen Rhodes with a pitcher of frozen margaritas to ease the frustration (could it be true that this was Ned's idea?).

It is also great to have an experienced mechanic around, and Al Hobson as usual saved the day with some strategically placed tie wraps enabling us to get into our appointed slip. After that all that was required is the 1-800-CUMMINS, and a repair person was there to measure for the new cable and returned in the morning to install it.

On more entertaining notes, there was almost TOO much to do in "Balmer". Our super coordinator Peggy Ball arranged for a \$50 credit at the marina restaurant for Happy Hour; and no, I will not tell you how fast OYC can drink through \$50 of dollar beer!

Divine Dining

Based on Monica Lovell's research (and she was not even there!) we went to Chiapparellis for a great Little Italy dinner just a few blocks from the marina. With Robert Carmody egging us all on, we followed this with a visit to Vaccaro's, a wonderful place that sells only pastries and ice cream/gelato, and has a line at 9:30 on a Tuesday!. Thank God it is over a hundred miles from Occoquan, or we would all be there often: Tiramisu too rich to finish; cannolis, eclairs the size of a burrito; and (yes, Laslo) the grappa!

On the second day most people walked off the food from the night before, going through the aquarium/dolphin show, Lexington Market or Fells Point. About half the group earned their Eat Bertha's Mussels bumper sticker. Regrettably, Wednesday is the day the antique stores are closed, even the nautical ones, so we had to pass on that idea.

The water taxi was a great idea on a hot day, transporting OYCers to Federal Hill, Inner Harbor, Fells Point and back to Little Italy.

With dire predictions of a big storm, everyone retied the boats, and half the group elected to watch the storm from the restaurant at the marina. The storm did not materialize, but the food at Victor's was a wonderful surprise. Several walked this off strolling to Fell's Point to catch a glimpse of the filming of "Species II." Although there was an interesting carnival atmosphere at 9:00pm, we were unanimous that film-making is a lot more boring than most people think. All of the

preparation, lighting and staging we watched would account for an entire thirty second sequence in the final film!

More loafing around

And just in case you are missing the impression that everything in OYC deals with food and drink, on the last morning, Peggy Ball was determined to get a loaf of "good bread" before we left. After wandering through Little Italy, we stopped two grandfather types, who directed us "two blocks over and through the alley." We almost missed it, since the alleys we have seen are wider than a doorway! The passageway led directly into the bakery's stacking area, which did not appear to be a retail outlet. But there was a handwritten price list on the wall, and we got two loaves of bread that were truly too hot to hold, right from the oven. This was enough for sandwiches and happy hour snacks.

So, another port, good food, drinks and another good memory. It is great to be able to mix relaxing small towns, isolated marinas and cosmopolitan cities all within a few hours. We should all appreciate what the Chesapeake offers!

"SPEEDO"

by Dottie Jacobsen

They call me "SPEEDO" but my real name is Captain Jim,
... of the Vessel Uff Da!

They call me "SPEEDO," even tho' she cruises at 14 Knots
... coming into Balmar!

Passed Ft. McHenry in a *hidden* "No Wake" zone,
The fuel tanks were on EMPTY,
They were starting to moan.
Binoc's searched the harbor for fuel docks to and fro.

When suddenly the Row Boat Cops' blue light flashed.
SPEEDO thought they were just going past
To catch some druggies with a million dollar stash.

To Uff Da's! starboard side the cops did veer,
"Let's see your I.D. and documentation, Captain, Sir!"
SPEEDO looked at Dottie and said, "What's going on here?"
Shrug, Shrug... "Dunno! Beats me, Captain dear!"

"You were doing 14 in a 6 Zone, sez the cop,
Poor SPEEDO'S heart started to flippity flop.
"Just mail the \$40 fine and you're free to hop!"

With ticket in hand and tanks on Critical "E",
SPEEDO reached the fuel dock weak in the knees.

But since the day was gorgeous,
SPEEDO & Dot took it in stride...
Something to tell all the OYCers...
Glad we went for the ride!

Hey, sometimes SHIP HAPPENS!

Coincidentally, in another part of the northeast, the vessel *Courchevel* also had a speeding problem. Obviously the sixty-some foot vessel doesn't go all that fast. The yacht's crew got their ticket in New England...on their dinghy going back to the mooring. This one was the hundred-dollar variety ticket. [Ed. note: There is more to this story, which we hope to report in a future Daymarker.]



Rear Commodore's Comments

Janine Washington

Fond Memories of the Week-long Cruise

Ah! Looking back fondly on the week-long cruise! (Heavy sigh.) Wouldn't it be great if each year we had fifty weeks of beautiful weather, exciting, fun-filled locales, great food and good friends to share it with? Then we'd go back to work for two weeks and it would be time for our vacations again! Oh, if I ruled the world!

Let's see, we started out at Coles Point (jammed in tighter than ticks on a Chihuahua, but we didn't seem to mind).

Lessons Learned

For you sticklers, I should point out that it wasn't all fun and games. Our week-long was very educational too. Here are some of the things Mike and I learned:

1. Walt *will* go below Colonial Beach if the party's good enough. Go Walter! Go Walter!
2. If there's a fight between Dottie and a No-See-Um, put your money on the latter.
3. We learned that Coles Point has a mayor. Nice guy.
4. Mike learned that radio communications should be clear and concise. He signed off with the dockmaster at Mears by saying, "This is *Clit*, clearing back to 16." This prompted the dockmaster to come out and check out the name of our boat for himself!
5. Mike also learned that Mears shared his rather worldly view on co-ed showers.
6. At Dennis Point there's no need to bring your own jellyfish. They have plenty.
7. We learned that the really good Happy Hour food comes off *Impulse* and we shouldn't stuff ourselves on Chex Mix before Arleen arrives.
8. Finally, I learned that if you're going to do Annapolis, the Baltimore Inner Harbor and Solomon's Island in one week you'll need to spend at least four days in each place. I know that adds up to more than a week. Let's not quibble over the minor details though. Next time we'll just DO IT!

Solomon's Island

It had been 15 years since my last trip by boat to Solomon's. Don't ask. It was another life. Before I met the most wonderful man in the world, Mike. Hey, he reads this!

Anyway, it seemed a lot bigger than before. Newer. Less sleepy and small town-ish. Now that could be because Jan and I perused every single shop on the island after stuffing ourselves on two dozen steamed crabs and almost as many toasted almonds with Robert. Speaking of which (shopping), there's a fantastic little place called Caren's Solomon's Style. They have the cutest shorts, tops, sun dresses and accessories for beachwear! Oh, and they also had T-shirts for the guys.

After going back to the boat to sleep it off... er, uh I mean take a little nappie-poo because I was so tired, Mike and I had dinner at the Captain's Table. It was a little rustic on the outside but the food was good. Crabcakes the size of a fist. Yum! From there it was on to the Tiki Bar. What a place. There were more people in that one little spot than I had seen on the whole island all day! They came by car, boat, jet-ski,

motorcycle and by foot.

Yes, Solomon's had a bit of everything you'd want in a vacation destination. Good food. Good shopping. Nightlife. It was a blast. If I could add one more lesson learned: one Mai Tai is plenty. Two is *asking* for trouble. Especially if you're at low tide when you get back to the boat! :)

See you guys at Colonial Beach!

OYC Week-long Cruise Survey

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| Best Pool | Mears Annapolis |
| Best Marina | Spring Cove, Inner Harbor East at Baltimore |
| Worst Marina | Dennis Point, Annapolis Landing |
| Best Cook-out | Mears Annapolis, Spring Cove |
| Best Kid | Dani Linck, Girls on Halfspeed |
| Worst Kid | None—not even Ned! |
| Best Shopping | Baltimore, Annapolis |
| Best Dessert | Homemade ice cream, Vaccaro's |
| Best Restaurants | Capriccio's, Haussner's |
| Best Meal | Cookout at Spring Cove |
| Best Crabs | Gary Linck's, Solomon Pier |
| Worst Restaurant | Dennis Pt |
| Should have brought | Wine bottle chiller, More film Dani's tennis shoes |
| Should have left home | Clothes, Books—no time to read! |
| Glad we left home | Gilroy! |
| Best Run | Coles Point to Annapolis |
| Worst Run | Baltimore to Solomons |
| Mr. Congeniality | Laslo Bozoky, Jim Ball |
| Ms. Congeniality | Peggy Ball, Arleen Rhodes |
| Harbor with best law enforcement | Baltimore |
| Longest Shower | Linda Bozoky! |
| Most Service Calls | Rick Sorrenti |
| Best Dinghy Captain | Stephen Mutnick |
| Best boat ice cream flavor | Strawberry banana, Grape |
| Best Captain | All on trip got a vote, of course |
| Best First Mate | Wise captains voted for their 1st mate |



Secretary's Comments

Walt Cheatham

Ode to Newcomers and First-timers

Newcomers and first-timers carried the day at the PRYCA Float In last weekend, and if you are one of the timid few who stayed home—shame on you. By my unofficial count, fully one-third of the two dozen-odd OYC boats attending were newcomers to the Float In.

The Float In is one of the best events on the river to enjoy and mingle with ease, safety and minimum gas consumed. Why, it's so close to the Occoquan a Friday night run up is easily within everyone's mastery. If you are a newcomer and didn't go, read this article and get motivated to jump into club participation.

Now that I have everyone's attention, and some more mad than not, let's talk about OYC participation at the Float In. It was great on all counts. Other writers will describe Monica Lovell, Steve Donock, John Robey, and Tom

Occoquan Yacht Club—Membership Roster as of July 24, 1997

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| Bireley, Jud & Nancy | 3093 Woods Cove Lane | Lake Ridge, VA 22192 | (703) 491-2471 | HIGH FLIGHT |
| Bozoky, Laslo & Linda | 4307 Marquis Pl. | Woodbridge, VA 22192 | (703) 590-8440 | HOT SCHATZ |
| Breneman, Bonnie | 7689 Sheffield Village Ln. | Lorton, VA 22079 | (703) 550-6023 | SEA BRAT |
| Brown, Eugene & Susan | 9652 Eaton Woods Place | Lorton, VA 22079 | (703) 339-6404 | ALEXANDER'S DREAM |
| Brunsvold, Ken & Colleen | 14571 Idlebrook Ct. | Manassas, VA 22111 | (703) 409-8986 | VIKING |
| Burner, Ralph & Anna | 2004 Jamestown Rd. | Alexandria, VA 22308 | (703) 765-1906 | ANNA MARIE |
| Camp, Richard C. | 6110 Mantle Rd. | Burke, VA 22015 | (703) 760-7477 | DON'T NEED A BREEZE |
| Carmody, Jr., Robert W. | 8001 Bethlem Woods Ln. | Springfield, VA 22153 | (703) 451-0497 | SNARLIN' MARLIN |
| Cawelti, Gordon & Dodie | 6048 Redwood Ln. | Alexandria, VA 22310 | (703) 960-4325 | SEA GYPSY |
| Chaffin, Timothy & Beth | 14658 Endsley Turn | Dale City, VA 22193 | (703) 680-6048 | MUTANTS ON THE BOUNTY |
| Cheatham, Walter & Susan | 11791 Antietam Rd. | Woodbridge, VA 22192 | (703) 491-3956 | WALT'S ON WATER |
| Coldwell, Tom & Mary Ann | 10319 Commonwealth Blvd. | Fairfax, VA 22032 | (703) 323-1675 | SHALIMAR |
| Corley, John & Katherine | 4700 Little Falls Rd. | Arlington, VA 22207 | (703) 532-5429 | THE GOLDEN RULE |
| Dahl, Roger & Laurie | 5306 Rymney Lane | Burke, VA 22015 | (703) 323-6290 | MINNETONKA MAIDEN |
| Dodd, Ed & Martha Jane | 7900 Frost Crystal Ct. | Fairfax Sta., VA 22039 | (703) 239-0551 | MARTHA JANE |
| Donock, Steve & Karla | 9806 Meadow Valley Dr. | Vienna, VA 22181 | (703) 255-0573 | LAST RESORT |
| Egmore, Tom & Barb | 7499 Covent Wood Ct. | Annandale, VA 22003 | (703) 256-8442 | MORNING MIST |
| Foster, Michael & Dickie Tighe- | 4126 Hampstead Ln. | Woodbridge, VA 22192 | (703) 590-7126 | BAY BEAR |
| French, William & Clara | 4940 Stonehurst Dr. | Woodbridge, VA 22192 | (703) 590-8766 | FRENCH'S RIVIERA |
| Fulford, William & Bonnie | 4017 Stonewall Ave. | Fairfax, VA 22032 | (703) 591-2118 | HAPPENSTANCE |
| Grosson, Roxana McCarter & Joseph | 6800 Springfield Dr. | Mason Neck, VA 22079 | (703) 550-8911 | RO-IO II |
| Hayes, Chip & Jill | 9629 Percussion Way | Vienna, VA 22182 | (703) 255-2459 | SCHATZIE |
| Hedrick, Richard | 2007 N. Key Blvd, #586 | Arlington, VA 22201 | (703) 528-9398 | THE LAST TANGO |
| Henry, James & Carol | 8601 Cross Chase Ct. | Fairfax Station, VA 22039 | (703) 690-3523 | GOING NOWHERE |
| Hobson, Alfred & Janis | 4813 Columbia Rd. | Annandale, VA 22003 | (703) 642-5022 | LUCKY DUCKS |
| Jacobs, Jimmy & Debbie | 7405 Roudsby Ct. | Kingstowne, VA 22315 | (703) 313-9010 | HEISSE LIEBE |
| Jacobsen, Jim & Dottie | 5964 New England Wds Dr. | Burke, VA 22015 | (703) 250-7736 | UFF DA! 3 |
| Jeirles, Duane & Janet | 71 Newport Court | Sterling, VA 20164 | (703) 430-7282 | TOUCH OF FATE |
| Jones, Ken & Kathy | 13103 Briargrove Ct. | Herdon, VA 22071 | (703) 860-3703 | COMPROMISE |
| Kuzma, Peter & Lisa | 15368 Blacksmith Terrace | Woodbridge, VA 22191 | (703) 670-4078 | POTOMAC PRINCESS |
| Linck, Gary & Nicky | 12706 Harborview Ct. | Woodbridge, VA 22192 | (703) 494-7028 | LOVIN LIFE |
| Lovell, Monica & Henry | 2724 Carter Farm Ct. | Alexandria, VA 22306 | (703) 799-1322 | HANKY PANKY |
| Ludwig, Sandy Mriscin & John | 309 Swan Creek | Ft Washington, MD 20744 | (301) 203-1609 | MOON BEAM |
| Lynn, Dick | 13188 Marina Way | Woodbridge, VA 22191 | (703) 494-3600 | |
| Lytle, Tom & Twila | 5319 Landgrave Lane | Springfield, VA 22151 | (703) 321-8713 | TNT |
| Martin, Lynn & Aaron | 11988 Point Longstreet Way | Woodbridge, VA 22192 | (703) 491-1287 | MAGGIE LYNN |
| Martins, Lucienne Cadman & Tony | 7714 Weber St. | Annandale, VA 22003 | (703) 941-5212 | AMERICA |
| Michaud, Charles & Jacqueline | 4601 Spalding Dr. | Dumfries, VA 22026 | (703) 670-4461 | LADY JACKIE |
| Mirando, Tom Shank and Anthony | 6185 Snowhill Ct. | Centreville, VA 22020 | 703-502-6931 | TOY FOR TWO |
| Moore, Dave & Carol | P.O. Box 4463 | Woodbridge, VA 22194 | (703) 494-0651 | EVERMOORE |
| Morrow, Jon | 8848 Laurel Oak Dr. | Springfield, VA 22153 | (703) 913-1999 | MY TURN |
| Mumick, Mitchell & Jane | 7009 Veering Lane | Burke, VA 22015 | (703) 644-3030 | HALF SPEED |
| Raines, Sam & Carol | 7833 Brompton St. | Springfield, VA 22152 | (703) 644-6299 | DUFFY'S DREAM |
| Rhodes, Ned & Arleen | 2749 North Wakefield St. | Arlington, VA 22207 | (703) 741-0861 | IMPULSE |
| Robey, John & Elaine | 14440 Colony Creek Ct. | Woodbridge, VA 22193 | (703) 680-2257 | SEMINOLE WIND |
| Ryan, Jack & Robin | 43365 Wayside Circle | Ashburn, VA 20147 | (703) 729-4644 | SEADATED |
| Saunders, Herb | 12705 Gordon Blvd. #42 | Woodbridge, VA 22192 | (703) 491-6225 | BANDIT |
| Schwartz, Frank & Ursula | 14885 Ursula Ct. | Woodbridge, VA 22191 | (703) 491-6556 | URSULA |
| Setikas, Al & Debbie | 2709 Omisol Rd | Lake Ridge, VA 22192 | (703) 490-6966 | SWEETWATER |
| Siebert, George and Vickie | 6010 Brookland Rd. | Alexandria, VA 22310 | (703) 971-1574 | MISS VICKIE |
| Silverman, Paul & Dolores | 9520 Center St. | Vienna, VA 22181 | (703) 938-8237 | PIER PRESSURE |
| Sime, Gaert & Kathy | 14394 Clearview Ave | Gainesville, VA 20155 | (703) 754-0091 | GRIPEN |
| Smith, Leo | P.O. Box 222123 | Chantilly, VA 20153 | (703) 361-7062 | SOURCER-R |
| Sorrenti, Rick & Teresa | 3401 Carly Lane | Woodbridge, VA 22192 | (703) 590-6724 | SEA DUCK TOO |
| Steele, Ray & Pat | 4408 Alta Vista Dr. | Fairfax, VA 22030 | (703) 385-8615 | PAT & RAY |
| Steele, Richard | 4408 Alta Vista Drive | Fairfax, VA 22030 | (703) 385-8615 | |
| Stout, Isabel & Russell | 9212 Dorothy Lane | Springfield, VA 22153 | | ESMERELDA |
| Strunk, Michael & Dottie | 12612 Tartan Ln. | Ft Washington, MD 20744 | (301) 292-2629 | THE DOTTIE S |
| Thrift, Jim & Susan | 5 Bullrush Ct. | Stafford, VA 22554 | (540) 319-8305 | TRIPLE CROWN |
| Tilmon, Ron & Jean | 17 Seedling Dr. | Holland, PA 18966 | (215) 579-4197 | <i>Not so far</i> |
| Tokash, Tom | P.O. Box 448 | Occoquan, VA 22125 | (703) 491-1385 | D-Ts |
| Troup, Mike & Marla | 9412 Meadow Crossing Way | Fairfax Sta., VA 22039 | (703) 690-0673 | NAUTI BUOY |
| Uber, Donald & Diana | 16016 Laconia Circle | Woodbridge, VA 22191 | (703) 670-5070 | PARAMOUR |
| Usher, Deloris & Harold | 420 Breezewood Dr. | Fredericksburg, VA 22407 | (540) 891-2143 | MARIETTA |
| Walsh, Gary & Carol | 10882 Oak Green Ct. | Burke, VA 22015 | (703) 425-7699 | DOWN THE HATCH |
| Washington, Mike Fordham & Janine | 15544 Travailer Ct. | Woodbridge, VA 22193 | (703) 590-3653 | KITT |
| Wexler, Stephen & Paula | 3601 Deerberry Ct. | Fairfax, VA 22033 | (703) 437-0687 | SWEET GUSSIE |
| Wilcox, Bob & Jan | 12521 Paradise Spring Rd. | Clifton, VA 22024 | (703) 830-1993 | SANCTUARY |
| Wilmeth, Jay & Ann | 13560 Northbourne Dr. | Centreville, VA 22020 | (703) 968-9760 | WAR EAGLE |
| Wilson, Bud & Trish | 13115 Crosskeys Ct. | Fairfax, VA 22033 | (703) 830-7368 | MISS MEGAN |
| Worcester, Steve & Mary Jo | 2601 Woodfern Ct. | Woodbridge, VA 22192 | (703) 494-2383 | SAINT 'N SINNER |

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|----------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|----------------|--------------------|
| Yarnell, Dave | P. O. Box 286 | Occoquan, VA 22125 | (703) 490-0923 | SEA MISTRESS |
| Ziegler, Richard & Bronwyn | 3718 Beaver Ford Rd. | Woodbridge, VA 22192 | (703) 590-4630 | DEALMAKER |
| Zimmerman, Rick & Debby | 12604 La Grange Ct | Ft. Washington, MD 20744 | (301) 292-9893 | RAZ-A-DAZ II |
| Zimpel, Steve & Kathy | P.O. Box 61 | Occoquan, VA 22125 | (703) 490-8124 | COURCHEVEL |
| Coles Pt Plantation | P.O. Box 77 | Coles Point, VA 22442 | (804) 472-3955 | |
| Holly Acres R.V./Marine S | 13270 Minnieville Rd. | Woodbridge, VA 22192 | (703) 494-5600 | <i>Lots of 'em</i> |
| Potomac Marine | 16216 Neabsco Rd. | Woodbridge, VA 22191 | (703) 670-0080 | |

Please report changes or errors to Jim Ball, (703) 569-2159

Boat Name List

(Keep a copy on your boat, so you'll know who's aboard when you see these names.)

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| ALEXANDER'S DREAM, Eugene & Susan Brown | MORNING MIST, Tom & Barb Egmore |
| AMERICA, Lucienne Cadman & Tony Martins | MUTANTS ON THE BOUNTY, Timothy & Beth Chaffin |
| ANNA MARIE, Ralph & Anna Burner | MY TURN, Jon Morrow |
| BANDIT, Herb Saunders | NAUTI BUOY, Mike & Maria Troup |
| RAY BEAR, Michael & Dickie Tighe-Foster | NEMESIS, Charles & Vonda Barrow |
| CHEERS II, Jim & Peggy Ball | PARAMOUR, Donald & Diana Uber |
| COMPROMISE, Ken & Kathy Jones | PAT & RAY, Ray & Pat Steele |
| COURCHEVEL, Steve & Kathy Zimpel | PIER PRESSURE, Paul & Dolores Silverman |
| D-Ts, Tom Tokash | POTOMAC PRINCESS, Peter & Lisa Kuzma |
| DEALMAKER, Richard & Bronwyn Ziegler | RAZ-A-DAZ II, Rick & Debby Zimmerman |
| DON'T NEED A BREEZE, Richard C. Camp | RO-JO II, Roxana McCarter & Joseph Grosson |
| DOWN THE HATCH, Gary & Carol Walsh | SAINT 'N SINNER, Steve & Mary Jo Worcester |
| DUFFY'S DREAM, Sam & Carol Raines | SANCTUARY, Bob & Jan Wilcox |
| ESMERELDA, Isabel & Russell Stout | SCHATZIE, Chip & Jill Hayes |
| EVERMOORE, Dave & Carol Moore | SEA BRAT, Bonnie Breneman |
| FRENCH'S RIVIERA, William & Clara French | SEA DUCK TOO, Rick & Teresa Sorrenti |
| GOING NOWHERE, James & Carol Henry | SEA GYPSY, Gordon & Dodie Cawelti |
| GRIPEN, Gaert & Kathy Sime | SEA MISTRESS, Dave Yarnell |
| HALF SPEED, Mitchell & Jane Mutnick | SEADATED, Jack & Robin Ryan |
| HANKY PANKY, Monica & Henry Lovell | SEMINOLE WIND, John & Elaine Robey |
| HAPPENSTANCE, William & Bonnie Fulford | SHALIMAR, Tom & Mary Ann Coldwell |
| HEISSE LIEBE, Jimmy & Debbie Jacobs | SLO COASTA, Martin & Rosie Betts |
| HIGH FLIGHT, Jud & Nancy Bireley | SNARLIN' MARLIN, Robert W. Carmody, Jr. |
| HOT SCHATZ, Laslo & Linda Bozoky | SOURCER-R, Leo Smith |
| IMPULSE, Ned & Arleen Rhodes | SWEET GUSSIE, Stephen & Paula Wexler |
| KITT, Mike Fordham & Janine Washington | SWEETWATER, Al & Debbie Setikas |
| LADY JACKIE, Charles & Jacqueline Michaud | THE DOTTIE S, Michael & Dottie Strunk |
| LAST RESORT, Steve & Karla Donock | THE GOLDEN RULE, John & Katherine Corley |
| LORD BARRON, Robert & Carol Barron | THE LAST TANGO, Richard Hedrick |
| LOVIN LIFE, Gary & Nicky Linck | INI, Tom & Twila Lytle |
| LUCKY DUCKS, Alfred & Janis Hobson | TOUCH OF FATE, Duane & Janet Jeirles |
| MARIETTA, Deloris & Harold Usher | TOY FOR TWO, Tom Shank and Anthony Miranda |
| MARTHA JANE, Ed & Martha Jane Dodd | TRIPLE CROWN, Jim & Susan Thrift |
| MARY VEE, Robert & M. Vaneeda Dennett | UFF DA! 3, Jim & Dorte Jacobsen |
| MINNETONKA MAIDEN, Roger & Laurie Dahl | URSULA, Francis & Ursula Schwartz |
| MISS MEGAN, Bud & Trish Wilson | VIKING, Ken & Colleen Brunsvold |
| MISS VICKIE, George and Vickie Siebert | WALT'S ON WATER, Walter & Susan Cheatham |
| MOON BEAM, Sandy Mriscin & John Ludwig | WAR EAGLE, Jay & Ann Wilmetti |

Occoquan Yacht Club 1997 Schedule of Events

Including names of cruise coordinators

Aug. 2-10 OYC Week-long II to Potomac River Marinas and Tides Lodge, Gary Walsh, 425-7699, and Tom Egmore, 256-8442

Aug. 16-17 Summer Cruise to Colonial Beach, Carol Walsh, 425-7699

Aug. 23-24 Dinghy Regatta Raft-up, Susan Von Schaack, 339-6404

Aug. 30-Sep. 1 Labor Day Cruise to Coles Point Plantation, Tom Coldwell, 323-1675

Sep. 13-14 Shrimpfeast at Mattawoman Dunes, Aaron Martin, 491-1287

Sep. 19-21 PRYCA End of Summer Party at Tantallon YC, Henry Lovell, 799-1322

Oct. 11-13 Columbus Day Cruise to Washington Channel, Rick Sorrenti, 590-6724

Oct. 16-19, Annapolis Boat Show

Oct. 25 OYC General Membership Meeting, Halloween Party, Chili Cook-off, Photo Contest at Fairfax YC, OYC Board & Dottie Jacobsen, 250-7736

Nov. 8-9 Hardy Soul's Cruise to Alexandria, Mary Jo Worcester, 494-2383

Nov. 27 Thanksgiving

Nov. 29 Santa Cruise to Occoquan, Walt Cheatham, 491-3956

Dec. 6 OYC Holiday Party/Change of Command, Rick & Teresa Sorrenti, 590-6724

Save this schedule. Events subject to change.
Consult future editions of The Daymarker for updates.

Coldwell's leadership in putting the entire show on and OYC winning the first-ever PRYCA cup and dancing to our songs "OYCA" and "We are OYC" to celebrate. I want to discuss how newcomers (to the Float In) got us to that and other high points during the weekend.

Chip and Jill Hayes (*Schatzie*) leading the land skill and navigation competitions, Susan Von Schaack and Eugene Brown (*Alexander's Dream*) smashing all competition in the dinghy race, many contributions to the scavenger hunt, the Tequila Kid (aka Laslo) and Linda Bozoky (*Hot Schatz*) providing libations on the T Dock and leading the singing of "We are OYC" at 1:30am, Jay and Ann Wilmeth on the smallest boat present (*War Eagle*), and Tony Mirando and Tom Shank (*Toy for Two*) giving dance lessons all night complete with Tom joining Donna Sommers singing the last song, "Last Song," at midnight (when 27 of the 35 people still on the dance floor were OYCers). It was quite an event! Thanks to all, new and old. Another OYC statistic: Sunday morning 16 OYCers stayed after breakfast to strike and stack all the tables and stack the chairs under the tent.

But we weren't through! Eleven OYC boats continued the festivities with two raft-ups in the Mattawoman—raft-ups attended by the largest OYC boat/ship (*Courchevel* at 65') and our smallest (*War Eagle* at 20').

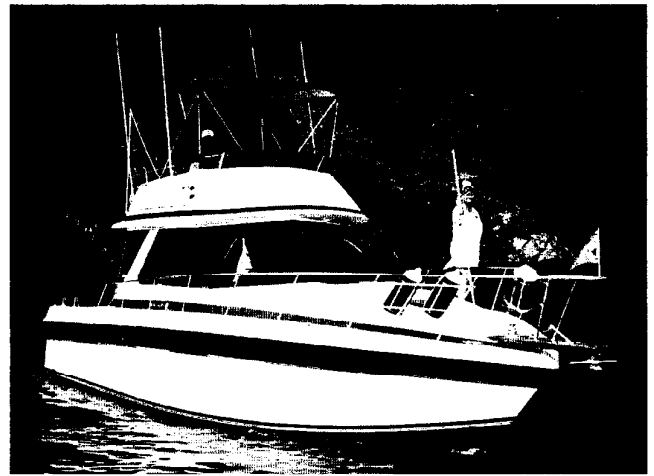
The raft-up highlight was provided ever vigilant membership chairman Jim Ball who performed heroics that might have surpassed everything mentioned so far. Realizing how important it is to get new members and make new members feel wanted, Jim spied a single Chris Craft about to depart from a single mooring near our OYC raft-ups Sunday afternoon, rushed below on *Cheers*, grabbed a new-member application and stuffed it into a baggy which he sealed and stuck between clinched teeth as he jumped into the Mattawoman waters and dog-paddled over to impress prospective (and startled) new members with OYC and its spirit. Three cheers for Jim!

Ten cheers for all club members who went on the Float In! Welcome cheers to all of you new members who didn't; hope to see you at an event real soon. This club is hummin! Get up and join in!

P.S. I'm Inspector General for new members and you can write me any suggestions, complaints, praise you might have concerning new membership, and I will confidentially represent your position to the board. Write me at OYC, P.O. Box 469, Occoquan, VA 22125. You can tell me anything.



What is it? —Unusual sculpture... or perhaps an upside down view of the best way to look at Interstate-95



Award Winner —*Bandit* took top honors in Colonial Beach in June.

Bandit wows them in Colonial Beach

Bandit, the squeaky clean Chris Craft sedan cruiser captained and crewed by OYC members Herb Saunders and Jackie Hockaday, won first place in a boat parade that was a featured event in Colonial Beach's 46th annual Potomac River Festival, June 14-15. The OYC crew captured the lead trophy in the fiberglass boat division. Top three trophies were also presented in wooden boat, sailboat, runabout and jet-ski divisions. Some 70 boats participated.

Bandit carried the OYC burgee and was introduced by the parade announcer as an entrant from Occoquan Yacht Club. Captain Saunders reported that "some extensive and imaginative decorating, courtesy of Nightengale Marina didn't hurt." The captain also noted that his passengers included the town mayor and assorted members of the city council, "a tactic that could probably go both ways."

Chesapeake Bay Magazine covered the event, and their correspondent indicated that an article may appear in the near future [if they don't consider this report a scoop].

Congratulations, *Bandit!*

The Datemarkers

Anniversaries

- Robert & Carol Barron, Aug. 1
- John & Elaine Robey, Aug. 13
- George and Vickie Siebert, Aug. 17
- Tom & Barb Egmore, Aug. 20
- Steve & Lisa Bell, Aug. 28
- Chip & Jill Hayes, Aug. 28
- Charles & Vonda Barrow, Aug. 30
- Ken & Kathy Jones, Aug. 31

Birthdays

- Rosie Betts, Aug. 2
- Susan Thrift, Aug. 2
- Carol Walsh, Aug. 3
- Karla Donock, Aug. 6
- Gary Linck, Aug. 14
- Robert Carmody, Jr., Aug. 15
- Lisa Bell, Aug. 19
- Janine Washington, Aug. 25
- Monica Lovell, Aug. 26
- Eugene Brown, Aug. 29

Membership News

Jim Ball, Membership Chairman

As your new membership chairman, I am pleased to report that OYC has a healthy total of 84 members as of the end of June. Of these, 21 are new members this year (including Potomac Marine Services). Some of them have already become notorious and have been featured in previous Daymarker articles (you know who you are).

If you old members haven't met all these new members, here are their names, please seek them out and say hello.

Robert & Carol Barron

Steve & Lisa Bell

Robert & M. Vaneeda Bennett

Richard C. Camp (returning)

William & Clara French

Chip & Jill Hayes

Peter & Lisa Kuzma

Gary & Nicky Linck

Sandy Mriscin & John Ludwig

Lucienne Cadman & Tony Martins

Jon Morrow

Sam & Carol Raines

Frank & Ursula Schwartz (returning)

Gaert & Kathy Sime

Isabel & Russell Stout

Jay & Ann Wilmeth

Bud & Trish Wilson

In June, we welcomed three new members: Tom Shank and Tony Mirando, who joined us at the Tantallon Shipwreck Party for the first time in their boat, *Toy for Two*. Tony and Tom keep their new 30' Regal at OHM and were recruited by Tom Egmore. They have two Poodles and a Rottweiler to keep them company afloat. Great to have them aboard.

Also joining last month was Jon Morrow, who lives in Springfield and keeps his 28' Bayliner *My Turn* at Ft. Washington Marina. Jon is the former PRYCA delegate from Ft. Washington Boating Association, and he has joined OYC to party. (Why else?)

Just in time for this month's Daymarker, three more new members in July! Rick (AKA Gilligan) and Debbie Zimmerman, old friends from Tantallon Yacht Club, who have a new-to-them boat *Raz-A-Daz II*, a 36' Trojan. Debby & Rick were our gracious bartenders at the PRYCA Float in. They joined because of the special insurance we offer to members for dropping batteries on their feet. (Hope the swelling is down, Rick).

Jack and Robin Ryan have boosted our Prince William Marina contingent with a family membership, bringing another Sea Ray into the club. Their boat, named *Seadated* implies that they will fit right in to our party mode.

Also from Prince William Marina, comes a returning former member Leo Smith and First Mate Marge Shaffer with a 36' Holiday Mansion (I understand they are great party boats!). Looking forward to having you on our raft ups, Leo!

Your board also has decided that we need to energize our Fleet Captains, under my chairmanship, to work on recruiting some more new members. I am asking them to pitch in and each bring in a new member during August.

In case you don't know who you are:

Steve Zimpel, Hoffmasters

Laslo Bozoky, Occoquan Harbor Marina

Duane Jeirles, Fairfax Yacht Club

Steve Donock, Mount Vernon Yacht Club

Remember, we shouldn't need to rely on these guys to recruit all by themselves; we all need to bring in new members. Make sure you have several OYC applications on the boat to give to interested boaters. If you need some, please let me know, 569 2159.

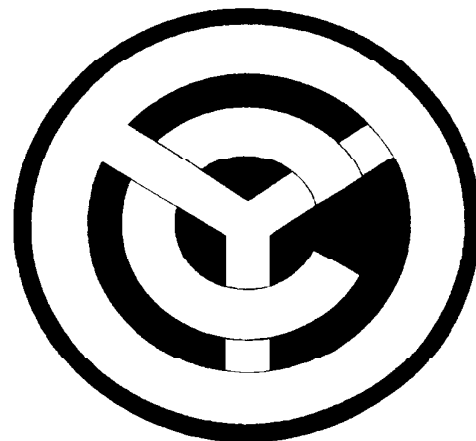
A new membership roster is included this month, along with an alphabetical list of boat names. Please check it carefully, and let me know of any changes or corrections. If you haven't provided me with your work number, cellular phone number and e-mail address, please do so. Next month I will publish a "Communications List" with all phones and e-mail addresses on it. Since we have an extensive OYC database of information (thanks to Tom Coldwell's excellent prior efforts), I can also produce special sorts of information to help in any club activities, so let me know if you need any special data sets, labels, etc. My fax is 866-9452 and my e-mail is jball@erols.com. Let me hear from you.

Cheers!

About Membership Rosters....

You will notice the next two pages contain the current, up-to-date and, we hope, error free OYC membership roster, including an alphabetical list of boat names coupled with their respective crews and a schedule for the remainder of the 1997 season. The boat name list will assist you in identifying persons on that boat that just went by or tied up alongside. This knowledge will help cut down the mumble factor when you meet these people up close. When you see *Sweet Gussie* out there, you won't be stuck with "Hi," but will be able to "Hi, Throckmorton and Grizelda" instead, or whoever.

In addition, if our stuffing has worked properly, we are giving you an extra copy of the roster to keep at home or on your boat wherever you don't keep the copy which is part of this Daymarker. We want you to have the names at the ready, at home or at sea.



On learning

by Ned Rhodes

This article is about learning and it even has something to do with boating. After we put the boat back in the water this year, some friends (former boaters, but now boatless) visited from Pennsylvania and came to the boat expecting a boat ride. Instead they were put to work helping with some of the chores. We did actually take them out for a spin just to see how things were running (they were running just fine). The lesson is that boatless boaters will do anything around a boat just to get a ride.

The second lesson is really two lessons and involves the weather. On the Occoquan, a north wind tends to blow a lot of water out of the river, lowering the depth considerably. Our marina has floating docks, so the stern is just fine and follows the rise and fall just fine. Of course, the bow is the problem as it is attached to fixed poles.

From all our boating courses and from all of our experiences, we should know to always tie the boat to the piling, rather than the piling to the boat. To me this means you wrap the line around the piling and cleat it to the boat. This allows you to now adjust how the boat is riding in the slip so that you can compensate for high/low tides and any other emergency. Plus, it is a great test of a marriage as to whether you have to go up and "check" your spouses work, or whether you "trust" that everything is secured correctly.

This, of course, is not the easiest way to secure the boat because it means that you have to recleat the boat, after each outing, in nearly the same place (of course that is why they invented tape to mark the lines). I have seen many people decide that this cleating process is too hard, so

they tie the line to the piling at the "proper" length and then slip the eye through and around the cleat. Docking is then real easy and the boat always rides in the same position at the dock as long as the water depth never changes.

The problem (and the lesson) had to do with a recent storm. As the water was blown out of the Occoquan and with an outgoing tide, the result was an extremely low tide. I went down to check the boat around 8:30 pm on Monday and my bow lines were just about taut. I was able to scramble on to the bow and loosen my lines.

As I went down the dock to look at the other boats, I noticed that a few of them were hanging from the bow lines and I noticed that there was nothing I could do to help them since the piling was tied to the boat. There was no way I could adjust the lines since the eye was cleated to the boat and the piling was now too high to reach from the boat and there was too much tension on the line. Things only got worse during the night and I hope there was no damage. The lesson here is tie your boat up so that you can adjust your lines during severe high/low tide transitions.

The secondary lesson is know your slipmate. Mine called me about 11 pm to alert me to the extremely low tide. He too was worried about a few of the boats that were hanging from their bow lines and could not be adjusted. Just as I had checked on his boat at 8:30, he had checked on mine at 11 and he agreed to check mine again in the morning since he lived closer and I was going out of town for a few days. The lesson here is make friends on the dock and help each other and in the process you can probably recruit another member for your yacht club.

End of Summer Party

Tantallon Yacht Club
September 19-21, 1997



Potomac River Yacht Clubs Association-Fall Event

Don't miss this party, even if you come by car!

Schedule highlights, September 19-21:

Friday—Facilities available for early arrivals; grills available for potluck dinner.

Saturday—11:00-3:00 Registration; 11:30-1:30 Burgers and dogs available; 1:00-5:00 Canoe races, games and more! 6:00-8:00 Catered dinner; 8:30-???? Music and dancing.

Sunday—9:30 Refreshments and brunch.

Registration—Mail with check (payable to PRYCA) to Henry Lovell, 2724 Carter Farm Court, Alexandria, VA 22306. OYC's event coordinator. **Henry must receive your registration NO LATER THAN WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 20.**

Captain _____ Boat name _____

Crew/Guest Names (for name tags) _____

Vessel Registration: Length _____ X \$.75* X (No. of days) _____ = (Total vessel cost) \$ _____

* Includes electric power and water

Beam _____ Electric (circle one) 30 amp 50 amp

Special docking requirements _____

Person Registration: (Includes Saturday events, activities and dinner-dance, Sunday brunch), \$40 per person (over 12), \$25 per person (7-12), children 6 and under free.

Make check payable to PRYCA and mail with this coupon to Henry Lovell as soon as possible.

Number of adults _____ X \$40 = _____
Number of children _____ X \$25 = _____

Total Vessel Cost plus Total Person Cost _____

Inside: OYC fells QYC and PRYCA, and PDQ, too! The whole truth about the Week-long cruise, Sign-up for End of Summer Party at Tantallon, PLUS, TWO copies of the OYC roster!

And get ready for...

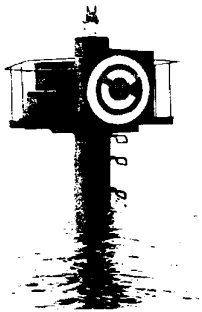
August 16-17
Summer Cruise
to Colonial Beach
Carol Walsh, 425-7699

August 23-24
Dinghy Regatta and
Raft-up
Susan Brown, 339-6404

August 30-Sept. 1
Labor Day Cruise to
Coles Point
Tom Coldwell, 323-1675

Septemeber 13-14
Shrimpfest at
Mattawoman Creek
Aaron Martin, 491-1287

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