

The Daymarker

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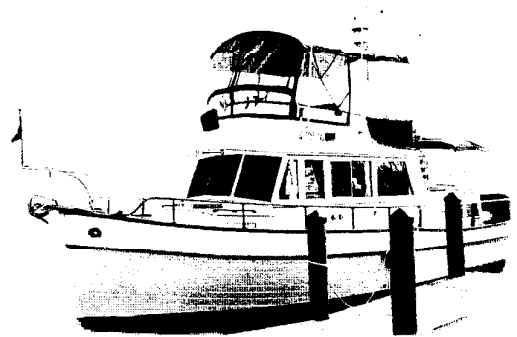
Commodore's Comments

Steve Wexler

The *Sea Duck Also* and *Cheers XVII* crews accompanied Paula and me to the Carolina Expo at the McLean Hilton on January 11th—nice break in a cold winter to look at beautiful photos of warm weather boating and golfing scenes. Some interesting marketing approaches—specifically, most of the golfing resorts offer free rounds of golf if you'll visit their developments. In the case of Sorrenti, they're offering two free nights if he promises not to play! And when the Balls, Wexlers and Sorrentis all approached the Ford's Colony booth with the suggestion that we would all visit on the same three-day weekend—the salesman said that he was concerned that a party might "break out"—duh... what else did he think we had in mind? Did he really think we wanted to purchase? As the evening progressed, we wound up in a piano bar where I found out that Jim Ball has the voice of a nightingale and Peggy has the patience of Florence Nightingale.

The Fun Barge has been launched

...although it is still a little mired in icy waters. The Planfest was attended by over 60 members who warmed up with thoughts of the 1997 boating season. We discussed the OYC Schedule of Events which includes 16 cruising events, 2 week-long, 4 holiday parties and several other land based events—a full year of entertainment and fun. Yes, Walt, we really don't get tired of each other. I hope that all of you noticed that most of your board members were fully attired with collar insignia (even if some of us have the wrong color—ask Walt the next time you see him). Walt indicated that the response to the member questionnaire had been less than underwhelming. So he solved that



NOT first prize for solving Dave Moore's puzzle

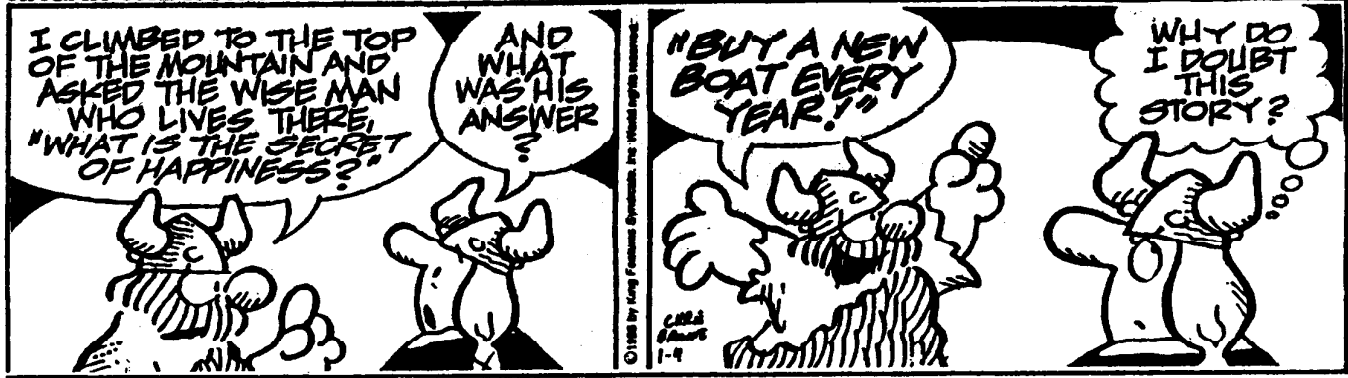
problem—he handed out additional copies and demanded your response.

For those of you who weren't able to attend—the questionnaire was in the January Daymarker and we really need your input. If you can't find your copy of the January Daymarker (what—you don't bronze them and keep them at the head of your bed?) please call Walt, Tom or any board member—we'll get you one. The results will be published with editorial prerogative interlaced throughout once Walt is able to complete the process.

At the Planfest, the members decided on Hope Springs for the Early Bird Cruise, Coles Point Plantation for the Labor Day Cruise, and Washington Channel (Gangplank) for the Columbus Day Cruise.

The members embraced the idea of a second week-long, primarily to Potomac River ports-of-call, and both Gary Walsh and IPC Tom Egmore jumped up and volunteered to coordinate. (OK—maybe Gary was pushed a little!). The Board would like to thank all of those cruise coordinator "volunteers" for offering to help us make 1997 a great boating season.

After the PlanFest, the Sorrentis, Balls, Donocks, Lovells, Mutnicks, and Wexlers acted like quick-change artists, donned their formal garb, and proceeded to the Washington Channel to board the *Potomac Spirit* for the



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Tantallon Change of Watch Ceremony and Celebration.

Prior to boarding we were treated to the multi-locational inaugural fireworks—which were awesome (and unfortunately turned out to be one of the main highlights of the evening). Some clubs refer to the first cruise of the year as their "ice-breaker." Little did any of us realize that the *TYC Spirit* cruise was aimed at recreating the Titanic voyage—the sounds of ice crunching, splintering and shredding along the metal bow was a little too much to handle. I promised Teresa that she could write about it ...so find her article and read on.

Happily harnessing history

I'm very pleased to announce that Dottie Jacobsen has agreed to serve as Club Historian for the 1997 season. Please help Dottie by taking photographs early and often at all events that you attend—make duplicate copies and send the second copy to Dottie for the club scrapbook. Dottie has promised to prepare a display board as often as she can. We all look forward to it.

If you haven't renewed your membership, don't read any more. You must send us the coupon and your check right now! Okay, now that the check is in the mail you can keep on reading. By the way, as long as you've paid and have continued reading, what about suggesting a new membership to the boat next to you at your marina or your best friend who just bought a boat; really, we always need new members.

Let's dance

Janine Washington and Peggy Ball have planned a wonderful Sweetheart's Night on February 15th at the Oaks Community Center in Burke. With the assistance of Dottie Jacobsen and other volunteers, Janine and Peggy have arranged a disc jockey, they're preparing a meal, and all we have to do is bring some wine or alcohol of our own choice, the club will provide sodas and beers and they'll guarantee a great evening for \$20 per person. If you didn't sign up at the PlanFest (with deposit) please call Janine or Peggy as soon as possible. It's going to be a great evening and your Sweetheart deserves it.

Finally, remember to mark your calendars for the March 15th General Membership and St. Patrick's Day Party at Fairfax Yacht Club, 6:00 PM, Pot-Luck Dinner. Bonnie,

you're assigned to bring a certain dish;thank you!
 Only 3 months til the cannon booms! See you the 15th.



Vice Commodore's Comments

Teresa Sorrenti

How Cold Was It?

There is a reason that we do not boat in this area in January. Yes, it has something to do with the fact that the frozen margaritas do not taste as well when you are the same temperature as the drink (I am sure there is a formula for this, but I did not take physics). This weekend, after the Planfest, some of the Board went on to the Tantallon Yacht Club's Change of Command Ball.

On a boat. On the *Potomac Spirit*.

At 13 degrees (do not even mention wind-chill). The good news is that we arrived just in time to see the Inaugural fireworks. Of course, they were visible through the windows of the car, with the heat full blast. They were, however some of the best we have seen, despite the weather, particularly when we found the radio station with the correct music (no apparent choreography to the rap station).

The bad news. TYC's party was on the lower deck, and we chose a nice group of tables at the bow where there was more space. and the DJ was far enough away to allow conversation, or so we thought. As soon as we started to pull away from the slip, we realized our error. That nice sheen on the water was not just a film of ice, but an inch or so. The *Spirit* became the equivalent of a Coast Guard icebreaker. It has a lovely steel hull, and it obviously had little trouble breaking it up, but the result was multi-decibels.

You could only talk to the person right next to you, and only if you leaned close. Paula and Peggy were getting tense, as was an experienced captain from Capital Yacht Club at our table. The sound was indescribable: the machine that crushes cars comes to mind, or alternatively, the *tyrannosaurus rex* in "Jurassic Park" munching cars; or think of large hail on the metal roof of E dock at Fairfax YC—continuous. After nearly an hour, we were only just



Rear Commodore's Comments

Janine Washington

The Boating Season is Finally Here!

Gotcha! Now that I've got your attention, call me, 590-3653, before February 5th if you're planning to attend the **Sweetheart's Night Ball** on Saturday, February 15th. The price is \$20.00 per person which includes light appetizers, a delicious pasta buffet, dessert, coffee, soft drinks and beer. This will be a B.Y.O.B. event. Music will be provided by Bristol Sounds. Dancing and other entertainment will be provided by the usual host of OYC characters! Dress is 'date night' casual. No leisure suits, please.

This issue of The Daymarker includes a flyer outlining the particulars of what promises to be a fun-filled evening. Don't miss it!

Directions to Burke Centre: Take route 123 to Burke Center Parkway. Take Burke Center Parkway to Oak Leather Drive (at the 2nd light). The Oaks Community Center is on the right side (approx. 1.5 blocks). The address is 5708 Oak Leather Drive. Call Dottie Jacobsen, Janine Washington or Peggy Ball for more information.

About choosing romantic songs...

Note: Please carefully follow the directions on the sign-up form which our esteemed Rear Commodore has provided for you elsewhere in The Daymarker. She really wants to know some of your favorite love songs so she can alert the D.J. on what recordings to bring.

If your life has been so one-dimensionally focused on boating that you have forgotten some titles, The Daymarker dutifully offers a refresher on some golden oldies that may have slipped your mind, such as:

"I Don't Know Whether To Kill Myself Or Go Bowling,"
"He Tore Out the Left Side of My Heart, So It's All Right Now,"
"I'm Gonna Hire A Wino To Decorate Our Home."
"I'm So Miserable Without You, It's Like Having You Here,"
"Tennis Must Be Your Racket 'Cause Love Means Nothin' To You," and our Commodore's favorite, "How Do I Love Thee? Let Me Count The Way."

Proposed change in the OYC By-Laws

Article V Administration, Paragraph 7. The first sentence now reads: **A General Membership Meeting shall be held in the first week of October each year at a place to be announced at least two weeks in advance.**

The following change is being proposed to provide greater planning flexibility. **A General Membership Meeting shall be held in October each year at a place and time to be announced at least two weeks in advance.**

This proposal will be placed before the membership at the next membership meeting

Ray Steele
Chairman, OYC By-Laws Committee



Secretary's Comments

Walt Cheatham

Results of the 1996 Membership Survey

Six people responded by mail, and 10 more responded at the January Planfest at Gecko's. 16/84=19% response. Good news: I have some data. Bad news: it is probably biased towards the most active people in the club. If you did not submit a response, but want the board to hear your thoughts, do not be deterred by my unilateral decision to end the survey. Send in your survey, and/or send any board member a note FULL OF IDEAS, SUGGESTIONS and complaints.

And the results are:

1. PARTICIPATION during 1996 events. First is the *number of respondents who participated* in the event, second is that number's rounded *percentage of the 16 total respondents*—a figure that probably does not mirror overall club statistics due to the bias mentioned above, but does give an indication as to event popularity.

- a. 14 - 88%—**PRYCA Float-in at Ft Washington.**
- b. 13 - 81%—Jan Planfest, Mar Membership/St Patrick's Party, Sept General Membership/Election.
- c. 12 - 75%—Chile Cookoff/Photo Contest, Holiday Party/Change of Command.
- d. 11 - 69 %—Annapolis Power Boat Show.
- e. 10 - 63 %—Summer Cruise to Colonial Beach, PYRCA Summer End at Tantallon.
- f. 9 - 56%—Breakfast Cookout/Yard Sale, Mem'l Day Cruise to Yeocomico, Tantallon YC Luau, Columbus Day Cruise to Gangplank.
- g. 8 - 50%—PRYCA Change of Command, DC Boat Show, Flagraising, Labor Day Cruise to Coles Pt.
- h. 7 - 44%—July 4th Cruise to Coles Point, Weeklong Cruise, Hearty Souls Cruise to Alexandria.
- i. 6 - 38%—DC Blessing of the Fleet, Dinghy Regatta at Mattawoman.
- j. 5 - 31%—Shrimpfest/Bonfire at the Dunes, Santa Cruise at Occoquan.
- k. 4 - 25%—Feb Land Cruise to Alexandria.
- l. 3 - 19%—PYRCA Safety Day at Mt Vernon.

2. DESIRED ACTIVITIES (They do not add to 100% since some people skipped some)

- a. **Cruise Distance:** Short 44%, Long 25%, Both 25%
- b. **Cruise Duration:** Day 0%, O'night 75%, Both 19%
- c. **Destination:** Marinas 69%, Raft-ups 0%, Both 19%
- d. **Cruise Location:** Potomac 38%, Bay 0%, Both 31%
- e. **Ashore Frequency:** More 31%, Fewer 0%, OK now 31%
- f. **Raftups:** More 31%, Fewer 25%, OK now 13%
- g. **Prefer Bay N or S:** North 13%, South 6%, Either 19%

3. MISCELLANEOUS

- a. **Optimum Distance for 1 night O'nite**—44%: Colonial Beach; 31%: Alexandria; 25%: Coles Pt; 6%: Cobb I and Tantallon.
- b. **Favorite Potomac Destinations**—69%: Coles Pt; 13%: Alexandria & Yeocomico; 6%: Colonial Beach, Dennis Pt,

Ft Wash, Pt Lookout, Tantallon, and White Pt.

c. **Least Favorite Potomac Destination**—25%: **Colonial Beach**; 6%: Gangplank and Tall Timbers.

d. **Favorite Bay Destination**—38%: **St Michaels**; 25%: Solomons; 13%: Annapolis, Norfolk, Oxford, Salt Ponds, & Tides Lodge; 6%: Baltimore, Onancock, Tidewater, Vera's White Sands, York River.

e. **Least Favorite Bay Destination**—6%: Crisfield, Herrington Harbor, Reedville, Rudee Inlet.

f. **Desired Destination Amenities** (+ Rating first, - Rating second)—+88% **Restaurant** -25%, +75% **Gas** -6%, +56% **Store** -6%, +50% **Pool** -25%, +44% **Ice** -13%, +38% **Picnic** -13%, +19% **Diesel** -31%, +13% **Pumpout** -13%, +13% **Mechanic** -19%, +6% Write-in: **Shopping** -0%, +6% **Playground** -44%.

g. **Participation with Other Groups**—+75% **PRYCA**, +56% **Other YCs**

4. **INSTRUCTION TOPICS** (Some people just marked the category—e.g., maintenance and safety)

a. **Boatmanship**—13%: First Mate Emergency Handling/Docking; 6%: Docking, Liability, & Plotting.

b. **Maintenance**—25%: Engine Tune-up; 19%: Maintenance; 6%: Electrical Systems, Fiberglass Repair, and Winterizing.

c. **Safety**—13%: Fire Protection; 6%: Flares, Man Overboard, Medicine Kit, Safety, and Towing.

5. **COMMENTS**: 13%: Doing a Good Job; 6%: Get a Clubhouse, Let's Go to The Tides Inn, Why Not Profile a Member/Family in Each Daymarker (*Editor's note: Any and all profiles are welcome from contributing correspondents.*)

6. **POST MORTEM**: Commodore Doctor Steve Wexler will be asked to provide a thorough statistical analysis of all this in the next Daymarker. Thanks to all who participated

News from the Membership Duo

Well, the story starts out on a windy cold night in November at Oldc Towne, Virginia. As norm for the cold night, the OYC crews and captains were sharing a pint of rum or two aboard the Commodore's yacht. The new Bridge was plotting their course for the new year approaching and "lo and behold" the Membership Guy was going to move into the exciting challenge of nautical journalism. (He had grown tired of underwater photography). At that point one of the Steves (or was it several of the Steves) started looking for a replacement for the Membership Guy. "Who will we get?" the cry went out. Well, we'll stop there, because the rest of the conversation is too much of a blur to recreate. The next morning Elaine asked, "Did we really volunteer for that?" Yes, dear **you** did! Thus the creation of the new... "Membership Duo".

Actually, we have no regrets. Great organizations like OYC do not survive if people don't step up and volunteer to take on these positions (or was I pushed?). After going through an intense one night training period from the retiring Membership Guy, I was very impressed with the organization of the records and data files and have successfully "converted" the data and word processor files over to my computer and can now breath easier!

Now, let's get down to business, **Membership Renewals!** We have received 45 renewals for 1997 out of the 83 memberships for 1996. Some of the not-yet-renewed I recognize as very active members of the OYC! Have you forgotten? Did your renewal slip get buried under the sale coupons on the magnetic clip on the refrigerator? Washed overboard during winter lay up? The dog chewed it up with your homework? Well, I'll make it easy for you. If your mailing label on this Daymarker has a red dot on it, you haven't paid your 1997 membership dues! Send them in now, and don't miss a moment of fantastic boating fun and festivities coming up in the New Year! We'll be looking for them in the coming weeks!

"The Membership Duo," John & Elaine Robey
703-680-2257

E-mail: JJRobey@aol.com

Welcome Aboard!

Welcome to some new members of the Occoquan Yacht Club! We received three new family memberships during the Christmas holidays. Please update your listings and look forward to meeting them at future club events:

Peter and Lisa Kuzma, 15368 Blacksmith Terrace,
Woodbridge, VA 22191; 703-670-4078

Peter and Lisa berth their 23' Maxum *Potomac Princess* at their home.

John Ludwig and Sandy Mriscin, 309 Swan Creek Road
Ft. Washington, MD 20744; 301-203-1609

John and Sandy berth their 38' motoryacht *Moonbeam* at Tantallon Marina. John and Sandy are well known to OYC as active participants in PRYCA events.

William & Clara French, 4940 Stonehurst Drive,
Woodbridge, VA 22192; 703-590-8766

William and Clara berth their 28' Carver *French's Riviera* at Fairfax Yacht Club.

We have a Winner

By Dave Moore

Last month's Daymarker included "A BETCHA-CANTDOIT Puzzle." Several of you obviously have tried and I guess the BET is lost, because we have a winner. Someone *could* do it.

Dottie Jacobsen correctly completed the puzzle and found the hidden message first, followed by John Robey. They both admitted more than four hours were spent searching for all the words.

As promised the winner got a prize. Dottie not only received a magnum of champagne, but she is also the first recipient of the "Tacky Trout Trophy." Congratulations!

Creating the puzzle without the use of a PC took time, so I am rewarded in knowing I offered some leisure time entertainment for several of you out there. Many of you called, but had not completed the puzzle as of this writing.

If you haven't found the time yet, have at it, (No one ever throws away a month-old Daymarker.) The answer is still only a phone call away to Dave at 494-0651.



Treasurer's Comments

Peggy Ball

We made some money, we spent some money, we still have some money. There, now that I have taken care of the required reporting via the Wexler financial accounting method, I can talk about more important things—like the summer cruise.

We had a great Planfest, and some 18 families have signed up for the Northern Chesapeake Cruise July 4-13. We will leave Cole's Point after the regular 4th of July jaunt and head to Annapolis, Baltimore, Solomons Island, Dennis Point and then home. This is the tentative schedule pending confirmations from the marinas that they can accommodate this gigantic fleet.

I will be visiting each of the marinas in person to finalize our plans over the next month. Final details will be provided along with requests for deposits to cover marina reservations.

The final opportunity to sign up for guaranteed reservations will be at the general membership meeting in March. I will also maintain a waiting list for boaters—come-lately where marinas cannot handle additional reservations. If you missed an opportunity to sign up at the Planfest, please let me know immediately, 569-1259 or e-mail to jball@erols.com. Also call me if you have any questions.

A tribute to PEE (Past Editor Emeritus)

"Neddy Bear" knows me so well! Fellow OYCers, we are witnessing the passing (?) of a legend. Since 1988 Ned has been an integral part of The Daymarker. When I took on the job in 1985, all the articles were still being typed on typewriters. I was typing all the articles on my trusty Xerox Memorywriter typewriter; not much memory!

Then in 1988 Ned introduced me to the computer age and what an education that was! I was so intimidated because I was being taught by the guru of computers! I spent many an afternoon of instruction in the basement of his South Kenilworth house, freezing my butt and fingers off while he ran around in shorts and a T-shirt. Jess laid on my feet to keep me warm and Ned kept a steady stream of hot coffee going to keep my fingers warm. This was all pre-Arleen. Despite these tortures, I still had nothing but nice things to say about him to Arleen! Remember our first dinghy ride, Arleen? Sorry, I was reminiscing. After six years I retired because... it was time!

We have been Phoenicians now for 3 years and how time flies when one is having fun. We've returned to Virginia for a few OYC functions and have tried to hook up with Ned and Arleen but to no avail. I think it's because Bill always wants to bring the hors d'oeuvres and wine and they aren't good enough for Ned now that he has his "yacht." Back in the days when he had his "small boat" they were fine. In any case, I just want to say, "Thanks Ned for all your help so long ago and the fantastic job you have done since then. Bill and I wish you nothing but happiness now that you have all of this new free time.

Terri Petrey
Phoenix, AZ

The Bonding Box—A Winter Project

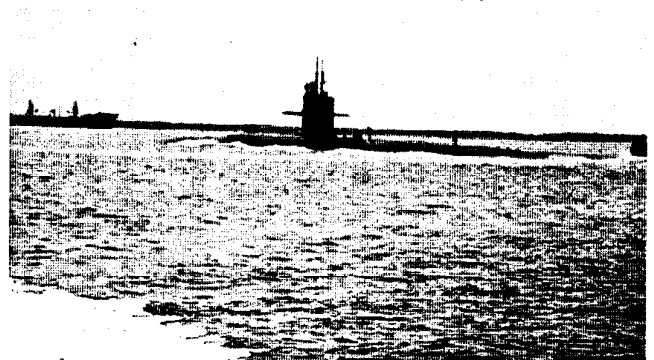
by Jim Ball

Among us OYC'ers are many Captains that regularly need to get "up close and personal" with their engines to either work on them or get at components and systems in close proximity to them. Those of us with close spaces in our engine compartments (not you, Zimpe!—read no further and go play ping-pong in your engine room) are regularly challenged with having to perform contortions and "become one" with our engines in order to change those plugs on the outboard side, change the oil filter, or other crowded tasks. How many times have we wished we could just levitate above the engine instead of resting on the backfire flame arrestor (BFA) and carburetor. Worse yet, having done so, we may find that we have bent the throttle linkage, pulled wires loose, or disconnected hoses; not to mention poked a hole in our hide or ripped our jeans.

In order to make the "bonding" experience much more comfortable and efficient, I have devised a nautical aid which I call the "bonding box". It is simply a wooden box designed to fit around the carburetor & BFA which allows you to put your weight comfortably on the box instead of all of those delicate engine parts and connections on top of the engine. The box should be sized to rest upon the head/block outside the carburetor/BFA envelope, and have slots cut into the sides that clear the hoses, linkages, and any electrical connections and protuberances. Once you measure and build your Bonding Box for one engine, it will normally also fit the other, but you may have to make some additional slots to accommodate both sides.

Now that you have designed, built, and custom fitted your Bonding Box, give it a nice coat of paint and find a place in the engine spaces to stow it, if possible. Now when you have to bond with your engine, it will be much more pleasurable experience, and result in less damage and frustration. You can put a blanket or other padding on the box and comfortably work in and around all sides of your engines henceforth. Just remember, after you are finished, please don't light up a cigarette and ask the boat "was it good for you?" Cheers!

Mike and Janine's new "boat?"



Since everyone else is moving up we thought we would, too. Here's a photo of her. She has nuclear turbines, but we're not sure we will be able to find fuel on the week long.

--Mike Washington

Hey, Mike, was this before or after the near-collision?

**Occoquan Yacht Club 1997 Schedule of Events
Including names and phone numbers of event coordinators**

Save this schedule

Feb. 13-16	National Capital Boat Show, Capital Expo Center, Chantilly, VA	
Feb. 15	Sweetheart's Night, Oaks Community Center, Burke	Janine Washington, 590 3653
Feb. 26-Mar 2	D.C. Boat Show at Convention Center	
Mar. 15	Semi-annual General Membership Meeting and St. Patrick's Day Party at Fairfax Yacht Club	OYC Board
Apr. 19-21	Early Bird Cruise to Hope Springs, Aquia Creek	Tom Egmore, 256-8442
Apr. 26-27	PRYCA Marine Safety Day at Mount Vernon Yacht Club	Henry Lovell, 799-1322
May 3-4	OYC Flag Raising at Occoquan Harbour Marina, Photo Afloat in Belmont Bay, and Overnight Raft-up, Mattawoman Creek	
May 11	Mother's Day	
May 17-18	OYC Breakfast/Yard Sale	Dave Yarnell, 490-0923, and Bill Fulford, 591-2118
	PRYCA Pre-Blessing of the Fleet Dinner at National Potomac Yacht Club	Henry Lovell, 799-1322
	WWA Blessing of the Fleet, Washington Channel	Eric Slaughter
May 24-26	Memorial Day Cruise to Yeocomico Marina	Ned Rhodes, 741-0861
June 7-8	Spring Cruise to Cobb Island	John & Elaine Robey, 680-2257
June 15	Father's Day	
June 21-22	Tantallon Yacht Club Event	Dave & Carol Moore, 494-0651
July 4-13	OYC Week-long I to Upper Chesapeake Bay Includes July 4 5 at Cole's Point	Peggy Ball, 569-2159 Rick Sorrenti, 590 6724
July 18-20	PRYCA Float-In at Ft. Washington Marina	Henry & Monica Lovell, 799-1322
Aug. 2-10	OYC Week-long II to Potomac River Marinas and St. Michaels/Crisfield	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	Shrimpfest 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 Annual General Membership Meeting, Halloween Party, Chili Cook-off and Photo Contest at Fairfax Yacht Club	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
Dec. 25	Christmas	

**Save this schedule. Events subject to change;
consult future editions of The Daymarker for updates**

February Milestones

Anniversaries

Jud & Nancy Bireley, February 4
James & Carol Henry, February 26

Birthdays

Jackie Michaud, February 1
Donna Bryant, February 1
George Siebert, February 7
Rick Sorrenti, February 9
Twila Lytle, February 10
Sue Herskowitz, February 21



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Photographs may be submitted for publication provided they comply with contemporary community standards for decency and do not reflect adversely on the club or its officers... unless it's a really good shot.

The editor may be reached by phone at home, 703-323-1675, or at work, 202-737-2300, extension 726.

Occoquan Yacht Club Sweetheart's Night Ball

WHO: OYCers and Guests
WHAT: A romantic evening of dining and dancing
WHEN: Saturday, February 15th, 7:00 p. m.- midnight
WHERE: Oaks Community Center Burke, Virginia
COST: \$20.00 per person. Includes: Appetizers, Dinner, Soft Drinks, Beer, Dessert & Coffee (BYOB)
WHY: Because boaters need love too!

SIGN-UP: Fill out form below, mail with check paid to OYC to Janine Washington, 15544 Travailer Ct., Woodbridge, VA 22193. Questions? Call Janine at (703) 590-3653.

Directions to Burke Centre Route 123 to Burke Center Parkway. East on Burke Center Parkway to Oak Leather Drive (at the 2nd light). The Oaks Community Center is on the right side (approx. 1.5 blocks) to 5708 Oak Leather Drive

Clip and mail with your check

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Number of Guests: _____

Favorite Love Song(s): _____



Occoquan Yacht Club 1997 Membership Renewal

Date: _____

Please print clearly and as you would like to have information appear in the membership roster:

Captain _____ Home phone: _____

First Mate _____ E-Mail _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Captain's Birthday mo./date _____ First Mate's Birthday mo./date _____ Wedding Anniversary mo./date _____

BOAT DATA:

Name _____ Length & Beam _____

Builder _____ Power Sail

Where berthed? _____ Total enclosed: _____

Membership requested:

Family—\$60

Individual—\$40

Associate—\$30

for OYC Bargee add \$15

Please make check payable to Occoquan Yacht Club. Mail check and this form to:

Occoquan Yacht Club, P.O. Box 469, Occoquan, VA 22125

**Inside: sign-up for the Sweethearts Night Ball,
membership survey results, “bonding” with your
engines, and our approved 1997 Cruise Plan!**

Get ready for...

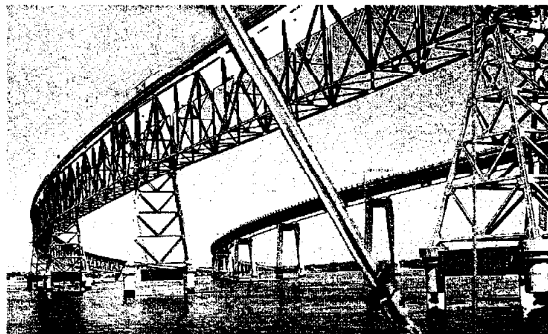
February 15
Sweethearts Night
in Burke, VA

February 13-16
Natl Capital Boat
Show, Chantilly

February 26-March 2
D.C. Boat Show
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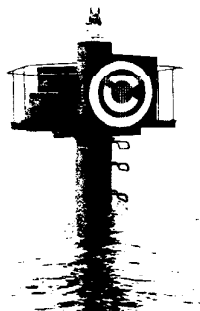
March 15
General Membership
Meeting/Party
Fairfax YC

**And think
about...**



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Week-long cruise, July 4-13, Upper Bay



The Daymarker

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