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Short Notes.

***New Bridge.*** At the upcoming General Membership Meeting we'll select a new Bridge. The three member nominating committee is chaired by IPC Diane Burton and includes Peggy Saylor and Phil Bolin. If you are interested in being

on the bridge, please email Diane at [dlb854@yahoo.com](mailto:dlb854@yahoo.com).

The bylaws dictate the following as to the elections:

***ELECTION OF OFFICERS:***

Officers shall be elected at the October General Membership Meeting to take office on

November 1 and serve for a period of one year or until relieved. The nominating committee may recommend more than one person per office. Any Regular Member may be nominated for office by the nominating committee or by a petition signed by five Regular Members and may thereby stand for that office at the October General Membership Meeting. Such nominations or petitions must be presented to the Secretary not less than one month prior to the October General Membership Meeting to be valid. That date is September 19. The slate of officers shall be provided to all Regular Members not less than two weeks prior to the October General Membership Meeting. Any person holding an office may be nominated for another term.

This year the GMM will be held Saturday, Oct 19, 2013.

***Important Schedule Change.*** The Farm Fest Event has been rescheduled. We will hold that event on October 19<sup>th</sup> ... not in September ... but in connection with the General Membership Meeting. We want more time to enjoy weekends on the water in September. We will put out more information on this event throughout the month, but please reserve the date

***By Laws Change.*** You have already received information about a change to the Bylaws. You will receive another copy a month before the General Membership Meeting. We will be requesting that the membership approve a change in our membership and fiscal year from its start on 1 Nov to starting in 1 Dec. This is to allow the Bridge to have the Change of Watch in the year they serve.

**2013 Bridge**

Commodore – Phil Bolin  
Vice Commodore – Chris Smith  
Rear Commodore – Carey Bolin  
Secretary – Mary Jane Smith  
Treasurer – George Cajigal  
Immediate Past Commodore – Diane Burton

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### Past Events

***Dog Days at Aquia Harbour.*** Three boats headed up Aquia Creek on August 9 to enjoy Dog Days at Aquia Harbour; Phil and Carey, Mike and Vicky, and Les and Hope. The Aquia Harbour YC facility is excellent and the members treated us like long lost friends. Plenty of food, drink, and time to relax made for a perfect weekend. During the day Saturday we had a good wake up breakfast, a dog parade, a crab and shrimp feast, a booze cruise around the waterways, a Saturday evening event with a band and dancing, and on Sunday a great brunch to send us off to our respective home ports. Check out the web site for more pictures and information.



***Shark's Tooth Island Trip.*** Phil and Carey, Mike and Vicky, Nina and Jennifer, Diane and Peggy, Bob and Norma, Tim and Pat joined Tom Carroll whose wife Kathy was visiting her father, Dan and Elaine, and George and Polly took their boats and headed for a day at Shark's Tooth Island. We had a beautiful day on the Potomac and simply enjoyed the day.

I wished I had more pictures but we were having too much fun climbing in and out of the water. All but Carey and I headed home at the end of the day. We stayed the night and woke up to an empty beach. All the boats had gone. It was peaceful and quiet as we had our coffee and got ready to head back to Colonial Beach.



### Upcoming Events

***End of Summer Party.*** While PRYCA always has an end of summer party, the venue for this year's event is different. Occoquan Yacht Club will host the event at Belmont Bay Marina on the Occoquan River. We think this will be a very nice event. Belmont Bay Marina is approximately 40 nautical miles from Colonial Beach. Listed below is the flyer information and on the second page down the registration form that you can print out for the event. If you would like to attend please send in your registration and also please let me know. Thanks.



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END OF SUMMER PARTY ... October 11 - 14, 2013
Hosted by Occoquan Yacht Club ... Supported by PRYCA

Schedule of Events

Friday:

4:00pm – 6:00pm Registration packets available for pickup at Marina Office (*@ Pavilion after 6PM*)

6:00pm Pavilion open for Happy Hour and Pizza Dinner (*beer and wine for purchase*)

Saturday:

8:30am – 10:00am Continental Breakfast, Bloody Mary Bar and Mimosa Makings @ Pavilion

10:00am – 4:00pm Activities and Classes

- No Drama Docking

- Nature Walk / Guided Tour in Wildlife Preserve

- Painting Lessons and Wine Tasting (*with advance reservation and BYOW*)

- Shopping in downtown Occoquan (*transportation available*)

Sign up for pickup/return times during registration

1:00pm Golf at Osprey's at Belmont Bay (*with advance reservation*)

Within walking distance of marina

6:00pm Awesome Aussie Barbie and Shrimp Fest (*beer and wine for purchase*)

7:00pm Music and Dancing (*our Aussie friends call it A Rip Snorter!*)

Sunday:

8:00am – 10:00am Omelets and Waffle Breakfast, Bloody Mary and Mimosa Bar @ Pavilion

10:00am – 2:00pm Activities and Mini-Olympic Games

- Nature Walk / Guided Tour in Wildlife Preserve

- Shopping in downtown Occoquan

Sign up for pickup/return times during registration

- Send Summer Down Under Mini-Olympic Games

2:00pm – 8:00pm Dinner in Occoquan at choice of restaurants (*transportation available*)

Personal expense not included in event fees

Sign up for pickup/return times during registration

Monday:

8:00am – 10:00am Continental Breakfast, Bloody Mary Bar, and Mimosa Makings @ Pavilion

Operations:

Vessels may arrive on Friday, October 11th after 12:00 PM to get slip assignments. When approaching the Marina, hail Belmont Bay Harbor Marina on Channel 16 to obtain a working channel. You will be provided a slip assignment, and dockhands will meet you at your assigned slip to assist with docking.

Questions?

Contact the OYC Vice Commodore, Don Bennett @ vicecommodore@occoquanyachtclub.org
For questions regarding the Marina, visit the Marina Office, or contact the Marina Harbor Master, Jim Brooks @ bbharbor@comcast.net or 703-490-5088.

The registration form is provided on the next page.



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REGISTRATION FORM PRINT OUT AND SEND IN BY September 27, 2013

October 11 - 14, 2013

Belmont Bay Harbor Marina

Registration Form (one per boat)

CAPTAIN'S NAME: _____ YACHT CLUB: _____

E--MAIL ADDRESS: _____ PHONE: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

NAMES OF OTHERS IN PARTY:

ARRIVAL DATE/TIME: _____ DEPARTURE DATE/TIME: _____

BOAT INFORMATION / SLIP FEES:

BOAT NAME: _____

BEAM: _____ LENGTH: _____ POWER (circle one): 30AMP---\$5.00/Day/Plug. 50AMP --- \$10.00/Day

SLIP FEES: \$2.00 x _____ + _____ = subtotal \$ _____ x _____ = **SUBTOTAL: \$** _____
(Length) (Power Cost) (# of Nights)

REGISTRATION FEES:

Number of People Ages 10+: _____ x \$65 = \$ _____ **SUBTOTAL: \$** _____

Number of Children Under 10: _____ x FREE = **** FREE ****

Includes Friday and Saturday dinner and Saturday entertainment

Includes Saturday (continental), Sunday (catered) and Monday (continental) breakfast

EVENTS REGISTRATION:

Free Activities (circle and indicate choice of day): ****FREE****

No Drama Docking – Saturday only

Nature Walk / Guided Tour in Wildlife Preserve – Saturday or Sunday

Transportation Available – please indicate your day/time preference: _____

Occoquan Shopping – Saturday or Sunday

Transportation Available – please indicate your day/time preference: _____

Send Summer Down Under Mini-Olympic Games – Sunday only

Special Activities:

Lunch/Dinner in Occoquan at Boat Owners' personal expense – Sunday only

Transportation Available – please indicate your time preference: _____

Painting Lessons and Wine Tasting (Bring Your Own Wine): No. of People x \$50 = \$ _____

Golf at Osprey at Belmont Bay (within walking distance): No. of People x \$50 = \$ _____

SUBTOTAL: \$ _____

TOTAL COST: \$ _____

Mail registration form and check, made payable to Occoquan Yacht Club, to:

259 Bridgewater Circle, Fredericksburg, VA 22406

Email: vicecommodore@occoquanyachtclub.org



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Labor Day at Tall Timbers Marina. We've arrived for our traditional trip to Tall Timbers that includes a boat burning and fireworks. It's great to be welcomed by Rick and Carol and their crew. It's always a great time. More on the trip in next month's letter.

Farm Fest and General Membership Meeting. This year we'll have two events together, the Farm Fest (last year called Fellini at the Farm) with the General Membership Meeting. The events are now one and will be held October 19. Mark your calendar. We'll elect a new Bridge, change our bylaws and have a fantastic food fest. Carey and I have our farm on the market ... we're moving back to Colonial Beach. If the house sells before the Farm Fest we'll probably hold the event somewhere in Colonial Beach. More to follow ... but please mark your calendars. This event will definitely be held! Let's see if we can get the majority of our members at this combined event.

Birthdays

We want to wish the following members a very Happy Birthday in September: Buzz Buswell, Patricia Kasold and George Cajigal on 9/1, Mike Enos 9/14, Ralph Mason 9/17, Jack Southard 9/21, and Maureen Bory 9/22.

Anniversaries

Happy Anniversary to Gary and Nancy Vineyard on 9/12.

Don't Fall For A Pretty Face

By Charles Fort

Published: August/September 2013 in BOAT US Magazine

Hiring a professional surveyor before you buy could be the most important decision you'll make.

When it comes to boats, Peter Berman is no novice. The author of *Outfitting the Offshore Cruising Sailboat*, Berman has 45 years of cruising experience in nearly a dozen vessels of different types. Last fall, he was in the market for a boat when he found a midsize cruiser from a well-known manufacturer that was advertised as an "outstanding value, in very good condition." The broker provided a detailed year-old "insurance survey" that found the boat in well-above-average condition, without any deficiencies. The engine had low hours and the boat had been kept under cover. The boat looked lightly used, appeared to have been well taken care of, and the price was terrific — Berman was eager to go ahead. You might think that someone with his vast boat-buying experience wouldn't think twice about closing the deal right then, but before going any further, he hired his own marine surveyor — this one a member of the Society of Accredited Marine Surveyors (SAMS) — and an engine surveyor.



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When the boat was hauled, the surveyor found massive electrolysis of the underwater running gear, severe blistering over a third of the hull, no bonding system, and some 60 other deficiencies. When the engine surveyor tried to run the engine, it overheated, and the generator and thrusters didn't work right. Disappointed, yet grateful, Berman passed on the boat. "At day's end, the money spent by having both engine and hull surveys were well-spent, even for an experienced old hand," said Berman.

Boat brokers often say that a boat's cosmetics — and buyers' emotions — are what sell it. If Berman had bought that boat based on his own reactions, he would have ended up with huge headaches and a lot of repair costs. But he was experienced enough to know how important an informed, professional opinion is when making a big-dollar decision when your heart is already engaged. Here's how to avoid ending up with just a pretty boat — and a lot of regrets.

Get A Survey

It's easy to fall in love with an appealing sheer line, shimmering gelcoat, and gleaming teak, but this is not a time to let your heart guide you; you need an objective marine survey to avoid buying with rose-colored sunglasses on. A marine survey is an independent evaluation of a boat's condition and value, performed by a qualified inspector who has no stake in the outcome. In fact, even experienced surveyors will usually hire a fellow professional to do the survey on a boat they're considering, in order to keep emotion out of the equation. During the recent economic downturn, many boats sat unused and had minimal maintenance. Now that these boats are beginning to sell again, a professional evaluation, devoid of the excitement of boat-buying, is even more critical. Here's what a good survey provides:

The condition of the boat and its equipment: A marine survey gives a snapshot of the condition of the boat's visible components and accessible structures at the time of the inspection. A survey provides a list of deficiencies as well as needed repairs and focuses on safety. Deficiencies in a survey can be used to renegotiate the sales price or scrap the deal altogether if needed repairs are too expensive or complicated.

The value of the boat: Surveyors use pricing guides along with their vast experience in valuing boats. A seller or broker may think a boat has a specific worth, but until a survey is performed, those figures are only guesses. Banks and insurance companies use the survey value to determine loan and insurance hull value amounts. This is also a great tool for price negotiations and can easily pay for the cost of the survey.



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A budget for repairs and maintenance: Nearly any boat will have some defects and deficiencies; knowing what they are beforehand makes it easier to know how much to budget for the future. Surveys typically provide a list of recommended, prioritized repairs. The most important ones are critical to safety and usually your insurance company will require them to be completed. The rest are things that can be done as you find time and money.

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Yes, I need your picture and a picture of your boat or car to put on the Fleet Page of our web site if it's not already there. I'm missing a few. Check out the web page and if your picture is not there, send it in. Do it now please.

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*See you Next Month .....*