



The Old Man

June 2021

The Monthly Newsletter of the Magothy River Sailing Association



Commodore's Comments



The waning days of spring featured the return of more MRSA activities that were cancelled during the previous 2020 Covid year.



At the annual MRSA June cruise to the Poulsen Picnic Party, Chef Norm grilled burgers and franks while Hostess Chris arranged a display of salads, watermelon, fudge brownies, and other treats at their West Annapolis home on the Severn River.

MRSA's first post-race raft-up was anchored by Alan Weiss's *Endless Summer* on an excellent June evening, belying the dire weather forecasts of the day before.

In other matters, a few incidents during recent Wednesday Night races should remind us to put safety first. Close encounters in a yacht race are inevitable, but avoid please the unnecessary and dangerous ones.

Also, MRSA members are requested to support our sponsors! For your real estate needs, consider contacting our new sponsor and long time member, [Cecilia Hayes](#) of Keller Williams Realty. And make your next beer/wine/spirits purchase at [Goska's](#) of Severna Park in appreciation of their support of MRSA.

Joe

Joe Berchielli, Commodore, 2021

Racing Corner

“You belong in a boat out at sea, sail away, kill off the hours”

Tom Petty

June was a busy month as we held our first raft-up of the year, had several bay races attended by MRSA boats and finished up our second series.

Thanks to our Racing Social Director for pulling our first raft up together and being patient as we worked through some weather issues with either too much wind or storms to get this one in the books. Five boats participated in the raft up and the wind settled down nicely as we enjoyed the MRSA supplied beers from the Racing Social Director’s boat (*Endless Summer*). We look forward to having the next raft up and getting more boats to join the fun.



We had a few MRSA boats attend PSA’s Moonlight Race on Jun 12th. The race covered all of the wind bases with a delay of a few hours waiting for the wind to appear, then a nice start in 6 to 8 kts of breeze, followed by dying winds as the sun went down.

It was slow sailing upwind in light breeze towards the RC boat near the Bodkin Creek but the wind gods smiled upon us and delivered a nice 14 to 18 kt breeze,

from the South, to push everyone across the finish line. Congratulations to Shep Drain and the **Heyday** on coming in First Place in the eight boat Spinnaker fleet.



PSA Moonlight Race

The second series is in the books with the completion of the June 23rd race and the race results and the updated series results are posted at www.magothysailing.org/racing/results. Congratulations to **UltraViolet**, **Endless Summer**, and **Mad Max** for taking top honors in their fleets.

CBYRA Region II (North of the Bay Bridge) races coming up in July include BCYA's classic Race to Baltimore on Saturday, July 17th and the return race the next day - RCRA's Star Spangled Classic on Sunday, July 18th. Links to registration will be available on the MRSA web site. Hope to see some MRSA boats on the course for those races.

Cheers and sail fast!

Ed Tracey, Rear Commodore

Notes from the Racing Social Chair

Alan Weiss, Endless Summer



The first Beer Raft Up was nicely attended with Team ***Incommunicado*** commandeering much of the Loose Cannon! Another hit was the Leinenkugel Summer Shandy--delightful on a hot night.

The key to a safe raft up was plenty of spring lines and bumpers and ensuring that spreaders were not hitting each other. Ed Tracey has volunteered to host the next raft up.

[Goska's](#) sponsorship has been supported by beer purchased for the raft up, as well as captains stopping by to supply their crew from Goska's great beer selection.

Cruising Corner

The weather made Memorial Day on the Wye a wash-out, but MRSA members rallied to enjoy a gathering at Chris and Norm Poulsen's house in Annapolis!





A Word from Our Sponsors

MRSA launched a sponsorship program for the first time this year. We're delighted to welcome Goska's Liquors and Cecilia Hayes of Keller Williams Realty as our inaugural sponsors. We asked Kevin Sosnoski, the third generation owner of Goska's, along with Cecilia, to answer a few questions for us. Enjoy their responses, and please reach out to them for your entertainment and real estate needs!

Q: Kevin, would you mind telling us a bit about the history of Goska's?



A: Goska's Liquors was founded in 1930 by the Goska brothers, Walter and Alex, who purchased the then country store from the Kleis family. Goska's Store was an important business to the residents who made their homes along the banks of the Magothy River. Before the current communities

were built in Severna Park, the area was a popular get away for many families who lived in Baltimore, Annapolis and the larger populated areas.

Many summer homes and retreats were visited by their far away owners who were brought to the area by boat, train and automobile. Cattail Creek was a popular docking area for many customers who would walk up Robinson Landing Road to shop at Goska's. We're proud that we've remained a landmark in Severna Park and are celebrating our 91st year.

Q: What's your favorite summer drink?

A: The drink that screams summer for me would have to be a gin and tonic. English Dry Gin with quality tonic and plenty of lime is the perfect drink. You can't go wrong with Champagne or some icy Miller High Lifes, either.

Q: What's your favorite place on the Bay?

A: Not being a boater I would have to say the beach of Terrapin State Park in Stevensville after a storm to find some good sea glass. I also enjoyed sneaking onto Olde Severna Park's beach and bumping the shoreline for freshly sluffed soft crabs when I was young.

Q: Cecilia, would you share with us why you became a Realtor?

A: My passion has always been to find ways to fund charities in a consistent way. Since I have been a real estate investor for many years off and on and since I had a license, many years ago in California I decided to use this vehicle as a fundraising strategy initially this was to help fund [Fairfax CASA](#) (Court Appointed Special Advocate for Abused and Neglected Children). I was on the board of Fairfax CASA for years and this seemed like a way to build a program for continuous fund raising - still working on this concept :) but doing well without the strategy raising money for charity.



Q: What's the favorite property that you've sold?

A: There are two: the first was from a member of the CASA Board and it was a multi-million dollar property in McLean VA. The second is a home I just sold in Pasadena, Bodkin Point for \$3.5 million.

Q: What's your favorite place on the Magothy or on the Bay?

A: I love to cruise the Bay and we prefer Annapolis - Baltimore and the Eastern Shore. We have lived on our boat and I could do that again at the slightest indication :)

Scenes From the Bay



MRSA's own Jolly Dolphin, snapped by Alan Weiss



Full moon on the Bay as seen by the Bonhams on Frequent Flier.

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