



# ***The Old Man***

## ***September 2021***

*The Monthly Newsletter of the Magothy River Sailing Association*



### ***Commodore's Comments***



2021 Wednesday Night racing has run its course with a disappointingly slight increase in the number of boats participating when compared with last year's Covid-distorted fleet.

If you race your boat on the Magothy, you must be concerned about the number of boats that show up on Wednesday nights. Want to see more boats involved? You should! Well, a-wishin' and a-hopin' just won't do it. We can't expect "the fish to jump into the boat." But there is something easy and fun you can do about it in 2022. How do I know this? My regular crew and I introduced some non-racer boat owners to their first round-the-buoy races. You can do this too.

The Friday Night races hosted by the Yacht Club of Cape St. Claire provide a good venue for the rookie racer. Do you know a sailboat owner who has never raced but might want to give it a try...maybe one of those owners who could use a reason to get out on the water more often? Well, that owner might need a little encouragement and hands-on assistance to bring his boat out and around the buoys on a Friday Night race. Provide your rookie racing skipper with some crew and with your own on-board race advice. You and the crew almost certainly would find this to be a fun experience- a casual, no pressure sailboat race helping a new racing skipper to participate in your favorite sport.

If you want to increase the number of racers on the Magothy, it can be done. Indeed it has been done, but not without a little effort. The final third of this year's Friday night racing fleet showed a sharp increase in participation. Surely, some of the new Friday Night racers will eventually find their way into future MRSA Wednesday night fleets.

Also, if you want to acclimate an alternate skipper to helm your boat on days you cannot do so, you can select one of your regular crew to skipper your boat in some Friday night races on the Magothy. You might have a pinch-hitter or, better yet, inspire your man (or woman) to someday acquire their own racing entry.

*Joe*

Joe Berchielli, Commodore, 2021

## *Racing Corner*

### *Notes from the Racing Social Chair*

*Alan Weiss, Endless Summer*

Wednesday racing has come to an end until next year. We worked hard to get the Raft Up activity back and it wasn't easy. Between the weather and family obligations the gauntlet had been dropped and the two that we had were super fun and successful. I believe the value added by this activity will allow us to bring it back again next year with perhaps at least one more raft up.

The end of season party has new life to it. Save the Date for Wednesday, October 13 at PSA, which is as much a celebration of the camaraderie of racing as it is a trophy party. Celebrate with your crew and their family because everyone is a winner when you get to sail. Bring your crew and their family to celebrate this wonderful corner of sailing universe together with food and libations. More info to follow via email!

Crew recruitment and additional sponsors are important all year long so if you want to introduce a new crew member or sponsor the end of season party at PSA would be a great place to do it.

The upcoming Race to Rock Hall is a pretty low key Bay Race and offers a great party with shucked raw oysters as part of the entry fee. Give it a try if you haven't done so yet.

I have always lived by the military mantra “never volunteer” but I have to tell you working with this group of officers open to new ideas and good hearted support has made it a pleasure to be Racing Social Chair. Rest assured your input as a volunteer / officer, or beer raft up captain will be greatly appreciated.

## *Junior Training Update: The Fleet Has Been Moved*

*Sherry Sandridge*



On Saturday September 11, a small group of MRSA members undertook the very difficult job of moving the fleet of small sailboats that MRSA owns and uses for their summer sailing camp. There were several types of sailboats including a lot of gear that go with them. This fleet of about 18-20 sailboats needed to be moved from one property to another property about 1 mile away. The

sailboats have been stored for many years on the waterfront property of a past member who has moved to another state and has recently sold his property.



This was a major task which took all day and only 6-7 people showed up to assist with this move. It involved loading each boat on one of the two small boat trailers available, driving each boat to the new property, and then unloading. The project also included dismantling the wooden racks on which the boats were stored and moving those racks to the new location.

On Saturday, September 25, the project continues. The wooden boat racks will be re-assembled at the new location and the sailboats will be loaded back onto the boat racks.



MRSA Fleetmaster Tom Lane organized this project. Tom and his 12 year old son, Silas, worked tirelessly all day and into the evening. They will repeat a long work day again on September 25. Special mention should go to Silas who was a big help on this project. Silas was a bundle of energy, always on the spot to assist each worker as needed.

Commodore Joe Berchielli and MRSA members Homer and Sherry Sandridge were part of the work force. Ben Reed and David Jones, friends of Tom Lane, also worked all day on this project. Ben & David are not members of MRSA but their kids have been camp attendees in the past.

## ***Cruising Corner***

### ***2021 Labor Day and Long Cruise Wrap-Up***

***Debbie Lund***

A week before the MRSA long cruise was due for departure, a group got together to plan the week. For the past several years, the cruise has been going to the waters between the Magothy and Solomon's, so it was decided we should try to go to the northern Bay. All the planning was a bust. The restaurants were closed or limited menu due to lack of help, the *Eastport Oyster Boys* were not performing in Shaw Bay, and the last straw was the remnants of Hurricane Ida and the opening of the Conowingo Dam. The decision was made to stay south and cruise the Choptank River. It was a very relaxing cruise because we didn't do any long days and we could actually sail.



The cruise started by attending the Labor Day Weekend cruise. That cruise was led by Larry Turner and Angela Cremeans on *Coquille*. There was a total of 6 boats: Dick and Dreta Peterson on *April Fool*, Vicky and Stu Timerman on *Star Star*, Chris Adriance and Kristin Mullins on *Josephine II*, Dave and Deni Boyer on *Victory* and John and Debbie Lund on *Chapter Three* joined

*Coquille*.

Saturday night was spent on anchor in Waterhole Cove off of Harris Creek. The wind was light from the south until the sun set and then the winds were 15-20 out of the South. Note to self: Do not anchor in that cove if there is a small craft advisory due to increasing winds from the South. Most of us did not sleep.

On Sunday, the group moved to San Domingo creek off of Broad Creek, the back door to St. Michaels.



There were about 30 boats in the anchorage but everyone was well spaced. Most of us went ashore for dinner at Awful Arthurs. Rich and Toni Hughes drove to St. Michaels for dinner. They were supposed to sail with us on the cruise but had boat issues.

There is an eastern shore contingent of present and former members of MRSA. Sue and Fred Betz, Jeff and Kate Fones and Sue and Wayne Winakers joined some us for dinner.

On Monday morning *Coquille* headed to Oxford and *April Fool, Chapter Three and Josephine* went to LaTrappe Creek. *Dark Star* decided to go to Cambridge and *Victory* had to head back to the South River. LaTrappe hasn't changed in years and after 6 PM there was one other sailboat in the anchorage. On Tuesday, *April Fool, Chapter Three and Josephine* joined *Dark Star* in Cambridge. Cambridge is very quaint and there are several restaurants in the downtown. Rich and Toni joined us for dinner along with Toni's friend Jane. Stu and Vicky liked Cambridge so much they decided change where they keep their boat full time to the Municipal marina. The price is right!

Wednesday morning was sunny but the weather forecast was for the possibility of severe storms in the afternoon. We should have known because it was a Wednesday! Instead of anchoring near Oxford, the Petersons, Lunds and Chris and Kristin joined the Bonhams at the *Safe Harbor Oxford* marina. We enjoyed the pool and then went to dinner at the Pope's Tavern. It was a great sail from Cambridge to Oxford. We had a late departure due to some rain in the morning but more importantly the Scottish Highland Creamery didn't open until 12:00. Great ice cream!

On Thursday, the 4 boats went back to Harris Creek but anchored in Dunn Cove. There was a small craft advisory that was going in to effect Thursday night and all day on Friday. It was out of the NW and gusts to 20 knots. Dick and Dreta Peterson had to leave on Friday because their alternator was not charging their batteries. *Josephine, Chapter Three and Frequent Flier* stayed in Dunn Cove until Saturday.

On Saturday, the group split and the Bonhams went to Back Creek to listen to the music, Chris and Kristin took their boat back to Ferry Point and we went in to Mill Creek for the night. Chris and Kristin did join the Bonhams in their Whaler to listen to the music from the Maritime Museum.

The 2021 cruise was a success. Great company, good temperatures and fair winds.

## Getting to Know You: Members' in Focus

[This month we launch an occasional column introducing you to one our members. If you wish to be featured in a later column, please email me at [mnburri@aol.com](mailto:mnburri@aol.com).]



As a graduate of Maryland Institute College of Art, long-time MSA member Carolyn Cuncell combines realism and abstraction in her paintings of people, landscapes and seascapes. She uses watercolor, mixed media and oil to achieve the perfect representation.

As she describes it, "I try not to set boundaries in painting, leaving the door open to inspiration which can come from various experiences. I feel each painting has a life of its own, and attempt to go with what each one suggests to me, such as mood, color, composition, balance, and all of the elements of art. I let the painting speak to me. By continually growing as an artist, I feel there are no limitations to what can be achieved in the world of Art."

She was recently featured as the Artist of the Month by the [Annapolis Arts Alliance](#), and received 3rd place in the Baltimore Watercolor Society exhibit at Carroll County Arts Council, and 1st place in the MPSGS (Miniature Painters, Sculptors & Gravers Society of Washington, D.C ) exhibit at Strathmore Mansion, Rockville, MD.

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