

# THE OLD MAN

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE MAGOTHY RIVER SAILING ASSOCIATION

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The MRSA Ship's Store is run by Lewis Neisner, with a neat summer shirt and new ball cap, both with MRSA logos. Check out all the items for sale at the next meeting.

photo by Fred Betz

## GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING ON MARCH 17 AT WINDOWS ON THE BAY

The General Membership Meeting and Spring Brunch will be held on March 17 at Windows on the Bay Restaurant at White Rocks Marina in Riviera Beach. The Brunch will begin at 11:00 AM and be followed by a presentation by Capt. Dan Parrott of the Pride of Baltimore. Following his presentation the floor will be open to questions and answers about the ship, its mission and just about anything else you would like to know about the Pride of Baltimore.

The brunch will include an all you can eat breakfast buffet with grilled and blackened chicken as a lunch entrée. All the non-alcoholic beverages you can drink will also be provided. A cash bar will be available. The cost of the brunch including the gratuity will be \$20.00 per person.

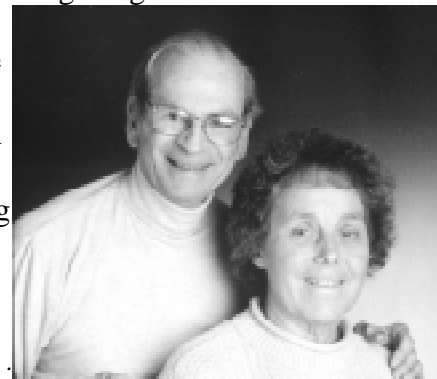
For reservations, please contact Al or Sue Kirkendall at (410) 437-3630 or by email at [alkirkendall@cs.com](mailto:alkirkendall@cs.com). A check made out to MRSA and mailed to us at 494 Edgewater Road, Pasadena, MD 21122, prior to the March 17<sup>th</sup> event, would be greatly appreciated but is not mandatory. A final head count must be provided to the restaurant by March 9<sup>th</sup>. See you there.

Al Kirkendall

## MEET THE BOG – FLEET CAPTAINS CRUISING - MYRON AND SIGRID DORF

Myron & Sigrid Dorf recently relocated to Pasadena from Metuchen, NJ where they lived for 31 years. Myron commuted into New York City where he had a photography studio for advertising photography. Sigrid taught German and then did substitute teaching while raising 2 daughters.

They started sailing on a 19 foot Lightning and graduated to a Columbia Contender, then a Ranger 26 followed by an Evelyn 32. While members of the Raritan Yacht Club they day-sailed, did some cruising to Long Island Sound and Myron was active in the club races. Since living here they have been enjoying the opportunities for cruising the Chesapeake Bay on their Catalina 320 "Light Spray".



article and photo by Myron Dorf

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*photo by Beth Vanfossen*

## **2002 OFFICERS OF THE MAGOTHY RIVER SAILING ASSOCIATION**

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## **COMMODORE'S COMMENTS**

Whether you've never raced before, or have a mantle full of trophies from past wins, the MRSA racing program includes events where you can fit in.

The centerpiece of our racing season are the Wednesday Night events. Co-sponsored by three other clubs on the River, and running from late April until September, these races provide a mid-week sailing break for the crews of more than 50 boats. The fleet meets up south of Dobbins Island, where the Race Committee usually sets a 2 to 6 mile course with a mix of upwind, downwind and reaching legs. Boats wishing to use spinnakers are grouped into four classes based on their PHRF ratings. A non-spinnaker class is offered for competitors that are fairly serious about their racing, but who choose not to use spinnakers, and a Corinthian class is offered for competitors who are new to racing.

The first weekend race is the Ham Palmer Regatta in late April. Scheduled to feed into our annual Sock Burning event, and with a history of fairly small classes, this race offers a good opportunity for someone without much racing experience a chance to give it a try.

In May, MRSA will run the Spring Classic race. A CBYRA sanctioned event that counts for High Point awards, this race is run in the middle of the Bay off of the river entrance. It usually draws a couple of boats from other rivers, and is a good event for someone looking to try their first race out of the river.

July finds us co-sponsoring two very different races on the Bay. In mid-July, we work with the Baltimore City Yacht Association to run the Sail for Sight/Race to Baltimore. This is one of the biggest races in our part of the Bay, and draws competitors from all over the area. The course runs from Baltimore Light to near Ft. McHenry, and feeds into a charity fundraising party in Baltimore. MRSA has scheduled a cruise into Baltimore at the same time, and we will be offering a cruising division start for those that are interested.

In late July, we also have a combined racing/cruising event. This one is co-sponsored with the Corsica River Yacht Club, and runs from Baltimore Light across the Bay and up the Chester River. CRYC also runs a small boat regatta that weekend, and organizes a joint dinner/party/awards presentation/ social event on the beach. This would also be a good event for a first race.

Labor Day weekend finds an MRSA race committee helping out with CBYRA Race Week, one of the showcase events on the Bay.

October brings the Hallie Rice Regatta on the River. This weekend event (both Saturday and Sunday) is unique in that the handicap adjustments are worked into the start of the race. Instead of having all of the boats start at the same time, and adjusting the times after the finish, boats will start at different times. This means that the first boat to the finish wins, and makes for some exciting endings.

Our season concludes in November with the mis-named Frostbite Series.

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## 2002 MRSA CRUISE SCHEDULE

Over the last few years, we have had more competitors wearing shorts than winter coats as the clear skies, bright sun and autumn breezes have combined for some wonderful racing.

As with all of our events, details on the MRSA racing program can be found in the forthcoming Red Book and in the Old Man. Hope to see you on the race course.

*Mike Mullarky*

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### MEET THE BOG - 2002 COMMODORE MIKE MULLARKY

Mike has been sailing on the Chesapeake and surrounding waters for over 20 years on a variety of small and larger boats. His addiction started on his parents Sunfish, and was fueled by time spent cruising, racing and daysailing on that Sunfish, a Windsurfer and larger boats that his parents owned.

He crewed for Dick Peterson on a Pearson 30 before buying his own boat, a Beneteau 305. *Boreas* was home in the Inner Harbor for a few years before she was moved to Rock Creek and eventually to the Magothy.

Mike and his wife Annette can now frequently be found racing, and occasionally cruising or daysailing. They live in the North Shore neighborhood of Pasadena, not far from where *Boreas* is docked in Broad Creek.

*Mike Mullarky*

<u>Date</u>	<u>Cruise</u>	<u>Cruise Leader</u>
27-28 April 28 April	Shakedown Cruise – Broad Creek - Magothy River <i>Volvo Race Start</i>	Sheryl & Wes McNair
11-12 May	New Member Cruise – Eagle Cove - Magothy River	Diane & Joe Jackins
25 – 27 May	Memorial Day Cruise – Wye River	Georgie & Lee Carroll
8 – 9 June	Annapolis – Weems Creek	Toni & Rich Hughes
29 – 30 June	West River - Galesville	Debbie & John Lund Hosts - Wendy & Richard Edson
30 June - 13 July	Chesapeake Bay Two - Week Cruise	Sue & Alan Kirkendall
13 - 14 July	Sail for Sight - Baltimore	Kate & Jeff Fones
27 - 28 July	Corsica River Race/Cruise	Marianne & Dick Kammann
3 - 4 August	Cruise to Doug's Langford Creek	Robbin & Roger Seal
31 August - 2 September	Labor day Cruise - Choptank River - Waterhole Cove, La Trappe Creek	Judy & Bill Webster
14 - 15 Sept.	Rock Hall, with BCYA	Annette & Mike Mullarky
28 - 29 Sept.	Rock Creek - Patapsco River	Judy & Jon Mullarky
5 - 6 October	Whitehall Creek	Jill & Jim McCutchan
19 - 20 October	Goose Cruise - Grays Inn Creek	Dee & Tony Torres Holly & Al Picardi
2 - 3 November	Frostbite Cruise - Annapolis, Buddy's	Lewis Neisner

*Myron and Sigrid Dorf*



## **A SUCCESSFUL WINTER PLANNING PARTY**

The warm weather must have had its effect as 65 people gathered in anticipation of another glorious sailing season on the Chesapeake. Mike Mullarky started the festivities during Happy Hour by presenting a digital slide show which had been put together by Al Kirkendall and which ran continuously throughout the evening. People drifted between conversation, viewing images of past MRSA events and signing up as cruise leaders.

Thanks to the pre-planning committee for selecting a variety of interesting cruise destinations. There was a terrific response to the need for leaders and all of 15 slots were filled by the end of the evening. We would also like to express our gratitude to BoatU.S. for their generous donation of a Deluxe Multi-Function Tool for each of the cruise leaders.

The food was outstanding and the cake designed and ordered by George & Carolyn Stamps was a treat to the eye and palette. The nautical flags supplied and hung by the Stamps enhanced the mood of the party.

Many thanks to all who helped and particularly to Jim & Verna Wilson for arranging for the use of the Belvedere YC and their help in set-up and clean up. Everything went very smoothly thanks to the additional help of Sue, Al & Andrew Kirkendall.

We're looking forward to a record number of boats taking part in the 2002 cruising season.

*Sigrid & Myron Dorf*



*Holly Picardi, Dee Torres, Annette Mullarky, Susan Kirkendall, Debbie lund and Judy Webster.  
All winners of the BoatU.S. DeLuxe Multi-function tool for volunteering as Cruise leaders !  
photo by Fred Betz*



*The 2002 version of the Cruise Planning Party "Traditional" Cake. Shortly before being devoured by members.*

*photo by Fred Betz*

## **GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING ON APRIL 4 AT LEDO'S PIZZA IN SEVERNA PARK**

The General Membership Meeting will be held on April 4th at Ledo's Pizza in Severna Park, beginning at 6:30 PM. Arrangements are now being finalized to have a speaker from the Chesapeake Bay Foundation give a presentation on the condition of the Bay. Following his presentation the floor will be open to questions and answers about the Bay or the Chesapeake Bay Foundation. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend.

*Al Kirkendall*

## EDITOR'S CORNER

This year's "Safety at Sea" pamphlet arrived in the mail a few days ago. Last year Marianne and Dick Kammann and Sue and I attended the two-day event at the Naval Academy. Sue and I were planning to crew with Marianne and Dick last summer on their C&C 41 for the cruise to Newport. We had virtually no off shore experience, except cruising with the Haskell's in the Caribbean. Dick had lots more experience than that, but we agreed that attending the Safety at Sea seminar would serve us both as either training or a refresher. From my perspective, it was well worth the time and money spent!

If you plan to sail offshore in the future, or even participate in extended Bay cruising, I heartily recommend attending. Topics range from preparing your vessel, understanding weather, safety gear, medical considerations, commercial traffic and much more. You will come away sensitized to potential problems, more confident in your preparations before departing, and more sure of your abilities on the water, whether a new sailor or old.

The dates are Saturday, April 6<sup>th</sup> and Sunday the 7<sup>th</sup>. Sign up for only Saturday for \$65, or both days for \$100. US Sailing members save \$5 off the total cost. Coffee and lunch are included both days, and on Saturday, at 1730 hr., a reception with the Speakers and refreshments is included. Contact the Marine Trades Association of Maryland, P.O. Box 3148, Annapolis, MD 21403, or call 301-261-1021.

*Fred Betz*

## WHAT IS THE CBYCA?

You may have noticed on your membership card or at the bottom of the first column on page 2 that the MRSA is a member of the CBYCA. That is the Chesapeake Bay Yacht Clubs Association. The name itself says a lot, but doesn't hint that some 127 Yachting organizations with nearly 60,000 collective members, are represented from New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, both Maryland shores of the Chesapeake Bay, Virginia and the District of Columbia. The CBYCA was formed in 1957, in part to protect the interests of non-commercial, member owned and run yachting clubs in the Chesapeake Bay area, and to promote better boating through legislation. A side benefit for cruisers is reciprocal privileges at some member facilities.

If you are planning a cruise anywhere on the Bay, Potomac or Delaware Rivers, Virginia Beach area and even Barnegat Bay in New Jersey, contact a member of the Board of Governors to borrow a copy of the CBYCA Roster Issue for the locations and facilities of member clubs. The 2002 edition will be published and distributed in April. Also, check out the CBYCA web site at [www.cbyca.org](http://www.cbyca.org).

*Fred Betz*

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## CLASSIFIED ADS

**Sailing Instructors Needed:** The Junior Training Program needs several sailing instructors from June 17th to June 28th. Excellent salary will be determined by experience.

If interested please call Sue Kirkendall at 410-437-3630 or Dave Blanch at 410-437-2213.

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**For Sale:** 1988 O'Day 35' sailboat, very clean, fully equipped for cruising, roller furling genoa, Universal diesel w/ 1000 hours. \$47,500. For more information, call Geoff at 410-255-0699

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**For rent:** *Here is an ad from the Seal's daughters, Barb and Heather, who own and rent out this townhouse:* New, Affordable 2 BR / 2.5 BA Townhome with Spectacular Views located in the heart of Summit County, Colorado. Do you like to ski, hike, bike, shop, read a book, hot tub and relax? Then this townhome is the PERFECT vacation getaway for you and your family. Close to Keystone, Breckenridge, Copper, Vail, and Beaver Creek Ski Resorts, you'll have unlimited skiing or mountain biking in the beautiful Rocky Mountains. Then come back and enjoy breathtaking views of Lake Dillon while in the 7-person hot tub on the HUGE private deck. Check us out by going to: <http://vrbo.com/> [no www], when you get to the website, look for the "Property Number" request in the upper left hand corner. Fill in 3697, and press "GO." You may email us at [bhaerbig@unipac.com](mailto:bhaerbig@unipac.com) or call 303-783-9786 for more information.

## **FEBRUARY RACER'S PLANNING MEETING**

Approximately 40 racers showed up at the Racer's Planning meeting on February 6<sup>th</sup> at Ledo's Pizza in Severna Park. The agenda for the meeting included this year's schedule, fleet splits, starting system, sailing instruction changes, social activities and committee boat assignments. The 2002 racing season will start on April 24<sup>th</sup>, with the first Wednesday night race. The entire schedule will be posted on the website along with being published in the Red Book. The other noteworthy change for this year is the addition of a 4<sup>th</sup> Frost-bite race date.

The class splits were discussed and the tentative fleets were determined to be PHRF A, PHRF B, PHRF C, PHRF D, PHRF N and Corinthian. The old Level 174 class has been combined with other boats to form the new PHRF C class. The PHRF A only has 5 boats (based on a survey of members) and is in need of additional boats. So if you know of anyone who has a boat that rates 114 or lower have him or her join up! These splits are tentative until the actual race entries are received.

The new starting system was discussed (polite term for spirited debate....) and the members voted to keep the existing starting system for all of the MRSA river races except for the 6<sup>th</sup> Series. This will allow the racers to get a chance to try out the system and then vote next year on what starting system to use.

In addition we have changed

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the time limit in the General Instructions to read: *At least one boat in each class must finish within the time limit. If no boat in a class finishes within the time limit, that race will be abandoned for that class. If one boat in a class finishes within the time limit, the remaining boats in that division must finish either within the time limit or within thirty minutes of the first finishing boat in that class otherwise they will be scored DNF (Did Not Finish). Examples below for a 2 ½ hr time limit race:*

<u>Example 1</u> .....	<u>Elapsed Time</u>	<u>Scored</u>
Boat A .....	2 hrs 20 minutes	Yes
Boat B .....	2 hrs 40 minutes	Yes
Boat C .....	2 hrs 51 minutes	DNF

<u>Example 2</u> .....	<u>Elapsed Time</u>	<u>Scored</u>
Boat AA .....	1 hr 45 minutes	Yes
Boat BB .....	2 hrs 25 minutes	Yes
Boat CC .....	2 hrs 31 minutes	DNF

We also discussed the use of the VHF radio for race communications. It was agreed upon by racers that the Race Committee may, at their discretion, use VHF Channel 72 to announce boats over early, receive protests and communicate with racers. It was understood that the Race Committee will not respond to boats until all boats have started. Race cancellations are never fun but one of the improvements we hope to make this year is for the Race Committee boat to announce on VHF Channel 72, starting at 5:30 pm and continuing a set period (5 or 10 minutes), race cancellations or postponements due to weather or other events.

Other items discussed included moving two course marks (Ed Tracey with check with Roger Bartholomee), and the suggested use of the GPS Time to set the Race Committee starting time. The GPS time is available from your GPS and then corrected from GMT to EST by subtracting 5 hours if it is Eastern Standard Time or 4 hours if is Eastern Daylight Time.

The meeting concluded with Fred Dreyer walking several members through a starting sequence refresher course.

*Ed Tracey*





COME ON SPRING !!

photo by Fred Betz



The Good Guys are ahead !!



But WE are not far behind... and closing !!

both photos by the 2000 MRSa Race Committee

## **VOLVO OCEAN RACE STOPOVER PARTY**

The fleet of the Volvo Ocean Race, 'round the world in 2001-2002, will make a stop in the Baltimore/Annapolis area in April of 2002. Formerly known as the Whitbread race, The Volvo Ocean Race is the Grand Prix of ocean racing. The VOR crews will cover over 32,000 nautical miles dealing with icebergs, frostbite, lack of wind in the doldrums, extreme heat, whales, and other dangers. (see a map of the entire route on the EYC website)

Eastport Yacht Club and the Severn Sailing Association are planning the biggest, best party yet, The Annapolis Salute, for the VOR crews. Mark your 2002 calendar now for the time of your life on April 26, 2002. Remember last time? We turned out some 5000 people for our Whitbread party, and that was in the pouring rain.

This block party is one of the biggest sailing events in Annapolis, and it's one of the few events that are open to the public where all of the Volvo crew will attend. Tickets have not yet gone on sale, but are expected to do so soon — keep an eye on EYC's web site and we'll put an e-mail notice out when we have more information.

From the Eastport Yacht Club's web page [www.eastportyc.org](http://www.eastportyc.org), Mike Mullarky



MRSa Wednesday Night Racers - photo by the 2000 MRSa Race Committee

## **2001 CBYRA HIGH POINT AWARDS**

CBYRA's annual High Point Awards were announced last month and several MRSa racers added to their silver collection. In the Region 2, PHRF A class Bruce Mitchell and this team on *Charlie* took 2<sup>nd</sup> place and Dave Prucnal's *Ultraviolet* qualified for 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the region.

The Region 2, PHRF B class saw three MRSa racers qualify for High Point Awards. First place in the region and winner of the Decker Memorial trophy for best PHRF boat in Region 2 was the Tracey / Polk syndicate on *Incommunicado*. Chuck Bell's *Northern Dancer* placed 4<sup>th</sup> in this class and *Corain*, owned by Fred Dreyer qualified for 6<sup>th</sup> place. Also qualifying for PHRF B, but in Region 3AW, was Greg Zercoe's *Where Egos Dare*, who placed 7<sup>th</sup> in a fleet that had 15 boats qualified.

And our own Commodore Mike Mullarky and Race Scorer Annette Mullarky with *Boreas* added to their trophy case by placing 1<sup>st</sup> in Region 2, PHRF C. Congratulations to all of the MRSa High Point winners!

Ed Tracey

## **THE MARCH CALENDAR, PLUS AND MINUS**

3/11/02 March BOG, 7:00 PM at Commodore Mullarky's home

3/17/02 March Brunch/General Membership Meeting, 11:00 AM, Windows on the Bay Restaurant at White Rocks Marina

4/4/02 MRSA General Membership meeting at Ledo's Pizza, Severna Park

4/8/02 April BOG

4/24/02 First Wednesday Night Race of 2002

4/27-28/02 Shakedown Cruise, Broad Creek on the Magothy

4/28/02 Restart of the Volvo Ocean Race 'Round the World at the Chesapeake Bay Bridge

Anytime: Coast Guard Vessel Safety Check

## **IS THIS YOUR LAST ISSUE OF THE OLD MAN?**

If you have not renewed your membership, this is your last Old Man. The 2002 MRSA Red Book is being published. You can still renew your membership without paying another initiation fee. Mail your check for \$75 to the MRSA, P.O. Box 1135, Pasadena, MD 21123, today. If you don't want to participate this year, but think that you might become active in the future, keep your membership current as an Inactive member for only \$25 each year. Inactive members can't participate in CBYRA sanctioned events, or attend MRSA functions for which the MRSA pays the majority of the costs, but you'll get the Red Book and the Old Man ! If you can't find your renewal form, look at last year's Red Book, the 2001 edition, and on a blank sheet of paper, update any outdated information, and send it with your dues.

*Fred Betz*



*A fine looking traditional sailing vessel plying the waters of the Maine coast*

*photo by Fred Betz*

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