



THE OLD MAN

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE MAGOTHY RIVER SAILING ASSOCIATION

APRIL 2002

THE SPRING BRUNCH - A GREAT SUCCESS

Approximately 60 members braved the chilly temperatures on March 17 to meet with friends, and enjoy great food provided by *Windows on the Bay*, and with an excellent presentation given by Capt. Daniel Parrot from the *Pride of Baltimore II*.

Capt. Parrot has spent his adult life sailing numerous sailing ships around the world or involved in sailing in one form or another. Prior to becoming the captain of the *Pride II* in 1998, he sailed on the *Pride* and *Pride II* on her European tours. The presentation and answers to questions was extremely interesting and enjoyable. If anyone would like additional information on the *Pride of Baltimore II* go to their website at www.pride2.org.

Al Kirkendall

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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. Mr. Arron Johnson from the Chesapeake Bay Foundation will give a presentation on the condition of the Bay and the activities of the Chesapeake Bay Foundation. 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 on attending.

Al Kirkendall

RACING NOTES

The start of the 2002 racing season is fast approaching for the Magothy River and the Chesapeake Bay. By now you should have the 2002 Red Book, so it's time to get your entry form in if you haven't already done so. Let's make this the best turn out for the Wednesday Night Series.

This year we start on April 24th. We will continue with the old starting system of yellow/blue/red, except for series six when we will use the new starting system on a trial basis. Here we will use a five minute "alert" sound followed by the five minute count down sequence. I will have more on this later, before series six.

Don't forget the first weekend river race, it's the Ham Palmer on April 27. And plan to also attend the sock burning the same day. [*see Shakedown Cruise Sockburner Party article on page 2. ed.*]

This year there are several important racing events including the start of the Volvo Ocean Race on April 28.

Also, The Bermuda Ocean Race will have some Magothy racers entered this year.

So get that bottom ready so we can expect to see you out on the race-course.

Fred Dreyer



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COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

It looks like Spring around the Bay. The boatyards are full of the sights, sounds and smells of commissioning projects. Sailors everywhere are working on the planning and preparation for their activities this season. Included among them are the volunteers that are getting the MRSA Junior Fleet program ready for its two week run in June. Goals for this year have been set, instructors are being hired, the equipment is being readied, and soon registrations will be coming in.

A few years ago, the Board of Governors made a commitment to enhance our Junior Fleet program. Since that time, we have established a relationship with Grachur Club that allows us to use their beautiful facilities for our program. We have made repairs and upgrades to our fleet, including purchasing about a dozen new and "new to us" boats. We'll be hiring the best staff that we can and directing them to maintain a learning environment that is both safe and fun.

We're also encouraging an MRSA presence at a couple of Junior Regattas this summer. One such regatta is sponsored by the Corsica River Yacht Club, and coincides with our race and cruise up the Chester. We're also working with the leaders of the Gibson Island, Cape St. Clair and Potapskut junior fleet programs to create a Magothy River based regatta.

The Junior Fleet activities are our investment in the future of our sport and those who participate. Hope to see you at one of their events this season.

Mike Mullarky

ANNUAL SHAKEDOWN CRUISE AND SOCKBURNING PARTY APRIL 27TH AND 28TH

With Spring here, Summer can't be far behind. In celebration thereof, and in preparation, let us mark our calendars for April 27-28, for the Annual Shakedown Cruise. For those uninitiated, or those who've forgotten, this cruise is also known as the Sockburning Party, since we prepare for the cruisin' season by burning our winter socks.

Raftup is scheduled for 4 p.m. Standard cruising rules apply—bring your own beverage, and an appetizer to share. Fixings for s'mores will be provided, and allowances will be made for those racers who can't carry the extra weight of the aforementioned supplies. This is always a great chance to ease back into the camaraderie of sailing, MRSA style. This year's schedule also gives us a reason to look forward to more than a short sail home the next day. The start of the next leg of the Volvo Ocean Race is scheduled for Sunday, April 28th just north of the Bay Bridge. Those who come by boat will surely want to sail out to the Bay to view this—and those who come by land may want to arrange to sign on as crew!

To help you recognize the location (and to burn the socks), there will be a

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bonfire on the Looper Beach, located on the western shore of Broad Creek, past the numerous piers erected recently. If you can't recognize the beach by the bonfire and the MRSA cruising flag flying, look for the small roofed pavilion on the beach, just prior to where the beach gives way to an uninhabited area. In the past, some boaters have not paid strict attention to their charts and run aground by "The Glass House" at the entrance to Broad Creek, or on the shoal that protrudes from the shore just south of Looper's Beach. For those willing to oblige, this adds additional entertainment for the party-goers.

Although we've had many unseasonably warm days this winter, chances are that many of us still have a lot of work to do prior to boat launch. If that's the case, please feel free to come by land. Go east on Route 100 until it merges with Mountain Road, Route 177. Turn right on North Shore, and stay straight on Eagle Hill Road when North Shore bends to the left. (Do not turn right on Shady Lane). Immediately after reaching the top of the hill, look for the first chance to turn left. There will be a placard posted with MRSA on it. If you have the correct road, there will be no other signs present, the gate will be open, and the road leads downhill towards an open field. Follow that road until you see other cars parked, the outhouse, or the beach. (If you hit the water, you've gone too far...)

Sheryl Mc Nair

HAM PALMER FUN REGATTA

The Ham Palmer Fun Regatta is set for Saturday April 27, 2002. This Regatta is a chance for cruisers and new racers to try out racing and to enjoy some friendly competition. It is also good for experienced racers who want to let other crew members take the wheel (or tiller) or a chance for crew members to try out new positions without the pressure of Wednesday night or CBYRA racing.

The regatta consists of two races (weather permitting) and racers are invited to the Annual Sockburner Cruise and Party at 4:00 PM on Broad Creek after the race. See page 2 for the Sockburner Cruise article or check for more details on the regatta and the sock burning cruise in the Red Book or on MRSA's website.

Hope to see you out there...

Ed Tracey

WELCOME TO NEW MRSA MEMBERS

The March meeting of the Board of Governors approved three membership applications this month. Please everyone welcome Joseph Berchielli and his two sons, Steve, [20], and Danny, [17], who live at 207 Rushley Road, Arnold, MD, and can be reached at 410-647-8470. The Berchielli's have a Helms 25, named *RESPITE*, which is located on Mill Creek, Magothy River. The Berchielli's have been sailing for almost 30 years, and are now interested in racing, but without real racing experience.

Also welcome Brad and Cindy Howard who live at 540 Bowline Road, Severna Park, MD. They have two children, Joash, [13], and Sarah, [9], and can be reached at 410-421-6440. Their boat is an O'Day 35, named *SERENITY*, and is docked at Whitehurst Marina on the Magothy River. They have ten years cruising and two years racing experience, and are interested in many MRSA activities, including racing, cruising and the Junior Training Program.

Finally, welcome Dennis and Susan Maher, who live with their son Jonathan, [12], at 645 Owl Court in Arnold, MD, and can be reached at 410-757-7710. The Maher's previously owned a 30 ft. sailboat, and now have a daysailer, and are interested in the Junior Training program. Bill and Susan Wissman, long time members, introduced the Maher's to the MRSA.

Let's have all MRSA'ers welcome the Berchielli, Howard, and Maher families when you meet them at future events or races.

Fred Betz

ROUND-THE-WORLD RACERS OFF TO FRANCE APRIL 28TH

It's back to the frigid weather when the Volvo Ocean Racers leave Annapolis headed for LaRoche, France on April 28th. After 28,000 miles of racing and an 11-day stopover in Baltimore and Annapolis, the eight Volvo 60s will charge down the calm waters of Chesapeake Bay and turn North into the higher latitudes of the Atlantic. Leg 7 to LaRoche will be a 3400 mile endurance run in stark contrast to the "sprint" from Miami that brought them 875 miles to Baltimore in a mere three days.

The eight nearly identical boats have been racing as if on a short "around-the-buoys" course since last September when they started from Southampton, England. Skippers and crews have been pushing the boats and themselves to the limits to gain any slight advantage as they raced through the harshest ocean environments and changing conditions imaginable. For much of the time these crews have been in sight of each other.

On Sunday, April 28th, the variable winds and shallow depths of Chesapeake Bay will challenge the teams as they make their way South from the starting line a mile above the Bay Bridge. The starting cannon will sound at 1300 hours to the delight of a massive spectator fleet of pleasure craft and people ashore at Sandy Point Park.

If you plan to watch the start from your own boat be forewarned that the Bay will be churned up and the potential for playing "bumper

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boats" will be high. There will be restrictions to boat movement from some time before the start (to be announced) until the Volvo 60s are clear. The Coast Guard and certain designated pleasure and commercial craft will be marking the boundary of the racecourse.

Because these boats are so fast, capable of 20+ knots down the course in a good breeze, you may think that a position somewhat below Annapolis would be preferred. This strategy can result in an experience very much like a salmon swimming upstream, as the spectator fleet races South to follow the 60s. Sandy Point Park is a safer place to watch the start but may not be as good a vantage point nor give the adrenaline rush that you'll get from dodging all the "Rodneys" coming down the Bay.

After spending nine days in Baltimore the Volvo 60s will have a "Parade of Sail" from Baltimore to Annapolis on April 26th. After two days in Annapolis, the fleet will be blessed at City Dock at 1000 hours and will then depart for the starting line.

This is the day of the Bay Bridge 10K run and walk in the morning, which will heighten the festival atmosphere in Sandy Point Park. The park is open from 1000 to 2000 hours, but parking will be in assigned locations with bussing to the park. The Ocean Race Chesapeake website is loaded with information about the stopover and the details about the day of the start. Check it out at www.oceanracechesapeake.org. Parking and bussing information should be on the website when available. A great deal of general information about the race is also available on www.volvooceanrace.com which is the official race website.

SPARTREK will be at the Inner Harbor Marina in Baltimore for the week of the stopover and will participate in the Parade of Sail to Annapolis. If you're in Baltimore to enjoy the festivities, be sure to stop by and join Dick and Marianne Kammann for a toast to "ultimate sailing".

Dick and Marianne Kammann



Volvo Ocean Race - SEB Finishes 4th on Leg 5 of the Volvo ocean Race as Dawn Breaks Over Miami photo by Rick Tomlinson for Volvo Events

MEET THE BOG - VICE-COMMODORE ALAN KIRKENDALL



Vice Commodore Alan Kirkendall

I took a sailing class while in college, but did not really start enjoying sailing until I was in the service. There I spent many hours sailing a sunfish, and later crewed on an O'Day 19 with friends. Just prior to leaving the service, I purchased a Catalina 22 and moved back up North.

My wife Sue and I joined MRSA in 1988 but were inactive when the kids were small. We began cruising with the club regularly in 1996. In 2000, I served as a Fleet Captain Cruising with Sue.

We now sail *Evasive*, an 11 meter S2, cruising, and occasionally racing, with our children Melissa, Jeff and Andrew.

Alan Kirkendall

REGISTER NOW FOR THE JUNIOR TRAINING PROGRAM

Junior Training is scheduled to begin June 17 at the Grachur Club. Applications have been arriving weekly. Please remember there are only 35 available openings for children to participate in Junior Training. Applications are available in the MRSA Red Book and on the MRSA website, [<http://mrsa.sailnet.com>], or use the Application on Page 6 of this Old Man

Through the excellent efforts of our Fleetmaster, John Allen, four 420's have been purchased from Duke University. Many thanks to Wes and Sheryl McNair for making space available for delivery and storage of the boats. The Board continues to support Junior Training by updating and maintaining the Junior Training Fleet.

Questions? Suggestions? Please contact Dave Blanch 410-437-2213 (dblanch259@aol.com) or Sue Kirkendall 410-437-3630 (alkirkendall@cs.com)

Sue Kirkendall

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.

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

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 or call 303-783-9786 for more information.

Magothy River Sailing Association 2002 Junior Training Registration

NAME: AGE (minimum 9 by 6/18/01):

ADDRESS:

PHONE:

MRSA/GrachurMember? YES/NO

EMERGENCY CONTACT(S) DURING PROGRAM HOURS:

PARENT:PHONE

NAME:PHONE

NAME:PHONE

MEDICAL INFORMATION:

MEDICATION: YES/NO IF YES:

ALLERGIES: YES/NO IF YES:

EXPERIENCE:

SWIMMING ABILITY:LIFESAVING TRAINING:YESNO

YEARS SAILING; WHAT BOATS:

CBYRA OR OTHER RATINGS;

OTHER INFORMATION:

EQUIPMENT/ASSISTANCE:

1) CAN YOU PROVIDE?

CHASE BOAT: WHALER, OPEN RUNABOUT, OR INFLATABLE WITH MOTOR

SAILBOAT(S): LASER—OPTI--420 —OTHER:

2) PARENTAL ASSISTANCE IS A REQUIREMENT.WE TRY TO HAVE THREE PARENT/SUPERVISORS PER DAY, OR APPROXIMATELY ONE DAY PER STUDENT. PLEASE CIRCLE PREFERRED DATE/S FOR SUPERVISION AND CHORES. BOAT PREPARATION DATES WILL OCCUR ON WEEKENDS PRIOR TO 6/17. WE WILL TRY TO ACCOMMODATE YOUR REQUESTED DATES WHENEVER POSSIBLE.

Daily	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
Supervision	6/17	6/18	6/19	6/20	6/21	6/26	6/27	6/28	6/24	6/25

and

Boat
Preparation

TBD

Cookout	Preparation	Cooking	Cleanup
	6/28	6/28	6/28

CONSENT/RELEASE

A FULL CONSENT/RELEASE FORM MUST BE SIGNED BY THE PARENTS OR GUARDIANS UPON ACCEPTANCE TO PROGRAM

ACCEPTANCE/PRIORITY

ACCEPTANCES ARE LIMITED TO 35 CHILDREN. PLEASE APPLY EARLY! APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED IN THE ORDER RECEIVED AND PRIORITY WILL BE GIVEN TO PREVIOUS CAMPERS AND MRSA/GRACHUR CLUB MEMBERS OF AT LEAST ONE YEAR, UNTIL APRIL 20, 2002. AFTER THIS DATE NEW MEMBERS WILL BE ACCOMMODATED SHOULD THERE BE ANY OPENINGS AFTER MAY 15, 2002 POSITIONS WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE TO NON-MEMBERS.

FEE :MRSA/GRACHUR MEMBERS \$240.00 NON-MEMBERS \$310.00

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO MRSA AND MAIL THIS FORM AND YOUR PAYMENT TO:

Sue Kirkendall 494 Edgewater Road, Pasadena, MD 21122

SEA FAN LOG - FEBRUARY 2002

Our daughter Laurie and son-in-law Marty arrived Sunday Feb. 3rd for a week. We anchored in Cruz Bay Friday to do laundry and provisioning, and met them at the 4 o'clock ferry. After renting snorkel gear, dumping their luggage aboard, and a quick change of clothes, we all went to Wahoo for drinks and dinner. Monday morning we sailed to Virgin Gorda (a bit bouncy) and checked in at Spanish Town. Then we went on to Savannah Bay to anchor for the night and a bit of snorkeling. Tuesday AM we went to the Baths, then sailed to Norman Island and picked up a mooring in the Bight - there were at least 42 boats moored there that night. We had great light to snorkel the caves. Wed AM we headed back to Salt Pond, St. John, more snorkeling and a bus trip to Coral Bay for dinner at Skinny's. Thursday we went to Little Lameshur Bay, and Friday we headed to the other side of the island to Leinster Bay and Watermelon Cay. While snorkeling here, we saw literally hundreds of sergeant majors guarding their nests of bright purple eggs. At times we could see 8 or 12 nests at once; in one case the female was still laying eggs, sticking them to the side of a rock, with the male coming along after her fertilizing them. Saturday afternoon we headed back to Cruz Bay. A power catamaran behind us dragged anchor into another boat, and Steve and I, together with the captain of a Moorings charter boat and one of his guests, climbed aboard to keep it off the rocks - it was within 10 feet of going on the

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rocks - it was within 10 feet of going on the rocks. The power cat had snagged its starboard propeller on the stern anchor of the other boat, and Jane dove down to unsnarl it. Then we motored the cat back to about its original location and re-anchored it. When the folks on the cat returned, Steve went to tell them what had happened. They were from Newport and said they usually did marinas and didn't know much about anchoring, so he gave them some instruction. Hope they stay on moorings. Sunday Laurie and Marty left on the noon ferry for their trip back to Illinois. We had a wonderful time with them aboard, and Marty learned a lot about sailing.

After a trip to the grocery store Monday, we went to Leinster Bay, and Tuesday had happy hour aboard with Ed and Dorothy from Prism, Dick and Lisa from Between the Sheets, Ann and Bruz from Abu Dai, and Carol and Bill from Laman. Another great gathering of cruisers. We spent the week here, then moved to Red Hook on St. Thomas for a major shopping trip. We anchored there Monday, and went in Tuesday morning. No cars available, so we reserved one for Wednesday, checked the local boat and hardware store, and returned to the boat. Mid afternoon the wind shifted 180 degrees, then shifted back and picked up to 30 knots. After awhile, we noticed the beach was a lot closer. Sure enough, we were dragging in the wind and large swell coming into the harbor. So up came the anchor, and we decided against trying to reset the anchor in this crowded harbor, lots of moored boats plus many at anchor. We gritted our teeth and went into American Yacht Harbor Marina. This turned out to be quite convenient on Wednesday when we returned with a car stuffed to the roof with food, boat supplies, etc. We got it all aboard and collapsed - 7 hours of shopping is tiring! Next day, we started putting it all away, then made a final trip to Marina Market for fresh veggies, etc. Friday we left for Great Lameshur Bay on St. John, then moved Sunday to Salt Pond. We started in on boat chores, particularly mending the bimini.

Well, Rascal sure gives us some good laughs. When we took the bimini down, we took down his evening playground. So he got up on the cabin top, looked things over, and tried to jump up. We don't know if he thought the bimini was there or if he thought he'd just stand on the 1" tube, but anyhow, he landed with all four feet on the tube - and promptly fell off, into the cockpit. He looked a bit surprised. Next night we weren't watching, and don't know if he tried the same thing or if he just jumped from cabin top to cockpit. When we put the bimini back up, he wouldn't go near it! The other Sum Dum aboard is Steve, who returned to the boat in the dinghy after visiting a nearby boat, carefully set his drink in the cockpit, and climbed out. I looked for a minute, then said, "Did you tie up the dinghy?" Oops! Steve took a flying leap as the dinghy that was floating away, landed on the tube with arms flailing, and fortunately did NOT fall in! What did I do? I laughed.

We really enjoy it here, have made some friends, and plan to stay awhile. We will take a trip to Culebra and Viequez (Spanish Virgins just west of St. Thomas, part of Puerto Rico) and to St. Croix. All is well, and we're having the time of our life.

Steve and Jane Gardner

THE APRIL CALENDAR, PLUS AND MINUS

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

4/27/02 Ham Plamer Fun Regatta

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

5/2/02 MRSA General Membership meeting at Ledo's Pizza, Severna Park

Anytime: Coast Guard Vessel Safety Check

MAY 2 IS THE DATE FOR THE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING AT LEDO'S PIZZA IN SEVERNA PARK

Mark your calendars for May 2, and attend the General Membership Meeting at Ledo's Pizza in Severna Park. Tentatively our own Bert Polk will provide a presentation on lessons learned on bringing a man overboard, back in a boat. The presentation will be based on his experience last year. Stay tuned to the May Old Man for more details.

Al Kirkendall



Racers ! Get Ready NOW

photo from the MRSA Year 2000 Race Files

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