

THE OLD MAN

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE MAGOTHY RIVER SAILING ASSOCIATION

JUNE 2002

JUNE 8-9 CRUISE TO WEEMS CREEK

Welcome cruisers to a Historic Annapolis Cruise. Join your history guides Rich and Toni Hughes on June 8th and 9th in Weems Creek. Weems Creek is located on the south side of the Severn River just above the Naval Academy Bridge. We plan to have the hook down by 1500 hr. Check in on VHF channel 71 as you approach to find our anchor location.

We will test your local knowledge during the refreshment hour on board *Fantastic*. Some of the topics will be: Who was Weems? How long has the Naval Academy been at its present location? Plan to share stories, true or false about Annapolis. If you need a study guide prior to the trip, RSVP to Rich and Toni at 410-757-6081 or fantastc@erols.com.

Rich Hughes

IN THIS ISSUE

Upcoming Events 1, 3, 4, 7, 8

Reports on Events and Other Items 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7

Classified Ads 3

Welcome New Members 4

Jr. Training 4

Calendar 8



Magothy River Wednesday Night Races - "B" Fleet

photo by John Single

WEDNESDAY NIGHT RACING

The results are provisional for the first series as follows: PHRF A (1) UltraViolet, (2) Pegasus, (3) Charlie; PHRF B (1) Northern Dancer, (2) Incommunicado, (3) Hyder Ally; PHRF C (1) Ghost Dancer, (2) Joule, (3) Capricious, PHRF D (1) Oras, (2) Sagacious, (3) Splash; PHRF D (1) Beagle, (2) Endless Summer, (Vagabond).

These results are not valid until the protests are either settled or are decided at the protest hearing. There are four protests still unresolved. The protesting skippers may want to look at the "Ten Commandments of Wednesday Night Racing" and try to resolve the dispute by talking to the offending skipper. Remember this is supposed to be a "Fun and relaxing" night on the water. Anyone "out for blood" needs to be at Annapolis Race Week, Screwpile or some other higher-level venue. The offending skipper has a responsibility too, that person should take a look at the rules and if necessary ask someone for an interpretation.

Fred Dreyer



Volvo Ocean Race V60's On Parade From Baltimore to Annapolis

photo by Bill Paul



Commodore Mike Mullarky

photo by Beth Vanfossen

2002 OFFICERS OF THE MAGOTHY RIVER SAILING ASSOCIATION

- Commodore:** Mike Mullarky, 439-1556
- Vice Commodore:** Alan Kirkendall, 437-3630
- Rear Commodore:** Ed Tracey, 975-0407
- Fleet Captain Cruising:** Myron and Sigrid Dorf, 255-8330
- Fleet Captain Junior Training:** Dave Blanch, 437-2213 and Susan Kirkendall, 437-3630
- Treasurer:** Jim McCutchan, 360-1163
- Secretary:** JoAnn Best, 544-3268
- Race Committee:** Fred Dreyer, 255-6160
- Protest Chairman:** Les Toeplitz, 360-2491
- Race Gear Chairman:** John Hurt, 437-6168
- Race Marks Chairman:** Roger Bartholomee, 255-7330
- Scorer and Hotline:** Annette Mullarky, 439-1556
- Membership Chair:** Ed Poe, 296-6428 (H), 539-3400 (W). Assistant Chair: Peggy Poe.
- Immediate Past Commodore:** Debbie Lund, 544-2551
- Ship's Store:** Lewis Neisner, 647-0694
- Old Man Editor:** Fred Betz, 647-3824, Assisting: Carolyn Stamps, 437-5337
- Web Master:** Joanne Trepp, 647-3742, Stu Timerman, 647-0498)
- Fleetmaster:** John Aellen, 647-7782

Website: <http://mrsa.sailnet.com>
MRSA is a member of CBYRA, CBYCA, and Boat/US (Member #GA 80366 S).

JUDITH (JUDY) MULLARKY

Judith Ann Mullarky, 61, a four-year resident of Chester, died of cancer May 14 at Anne Arundel Medical Center after a five-year illness.

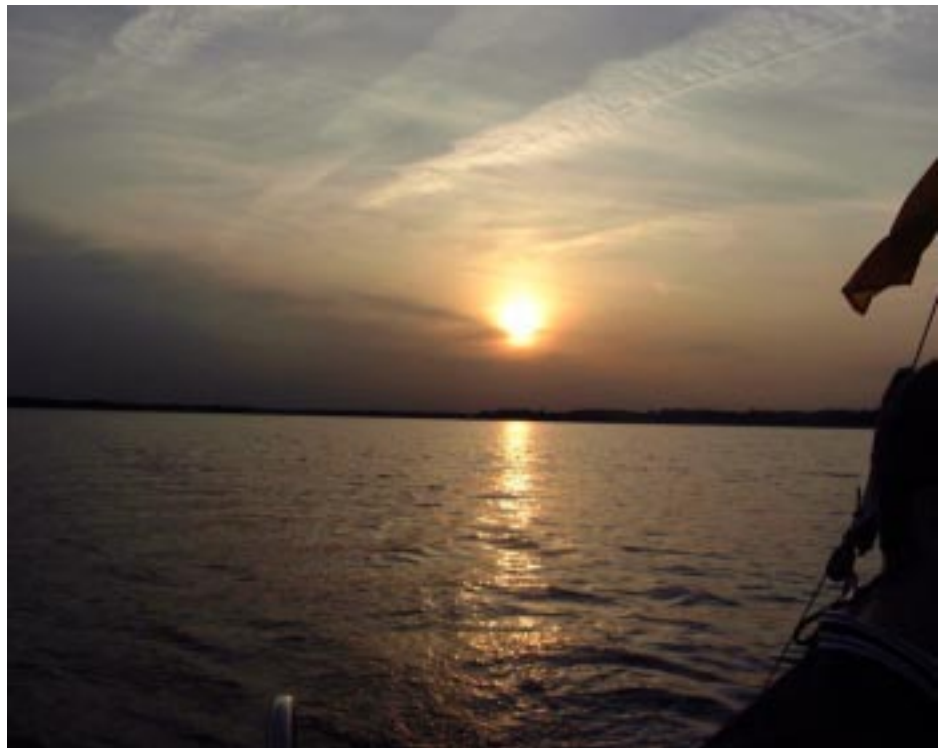
Judy was an MRSA member, the wife of Jon Mullarky, and the mother of Commodore Mike Mullarky and his brother Robert, and dear friend to Annette Mullarky. In addition to her husband and sons, she is survived by one brother, Orval "Skip" Lorimor of Wolfeboro Falls, N.H.

Mrs. Mullarky received her bachelor of science degree from Iowa State University at Ames and her master's degree from Long Beach State University in California. In 1962, she was married to Jon I. Mullarky. She lived in Columbia for 27 years prior to her move to Chester. She taught quilting classes at Seminole Sampler in Catonsville and enjoyed needlecrafts and sailing.

Funeral services and interment are private.

Donations may be made to Anne Arundel Medical Center Foundation, Sajak Building, Second Floor, 2002 Medical Pkwy, Annapolis, MD 21401.

The Mullarkey's



SUNSET.

photo by John Single

CLASSIFIED ADS

For rent: New, Affordable 2 BR / 2.5 BA Townhome with Spectacular Views located in the heart of Summit County, Colorado. Hike, bike, shop, read a book, do the hot tub and relax. This townhome is the PERFECT vacation getaway for you and your family. Close to Keystone, Breckenridge, Copper, Vail, and Beaver Creek enjoy unlimited mountain biking in the beautiful Rocky Mountains. Then enjoy breathtaking views of Lake Dillon while in the 7-person hot tub on the HUGE private deck. Check us out at: <http://vrbo.com/> when you get to the website, look for the "Property Number" request in the upper left hand corner. Fill in 3697, and press "GO." For more info email bhaerbig@unipac.com or call 303-783-9786.

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

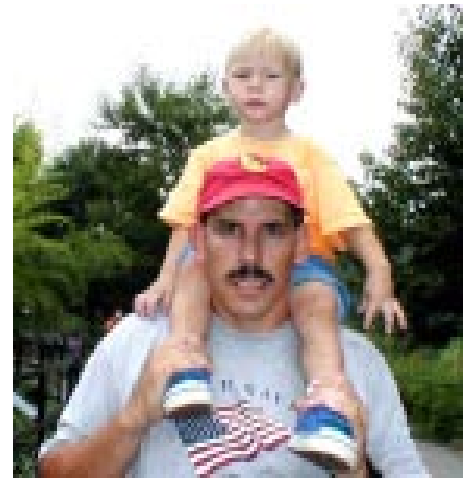
Wanted: An infant lifejacket for use or purchase thereof. Contact Toni Hughes, 410-757-6081, or email rhughes@cghtech.com

MRSA Special: An Annapolis resident has donated a catamaran to MRSA. It is a late 1980's NACRA Cat 5.2., 18 ft long and in good condition, but is completely disassembled at the owners home. Offers are being accepted for purchase and proceeds will be used toward our Junior Sailing program. Interested parties contact John Aellen at 410-647-7782.

MEET THE BOG – REAR COMMODORE ED TRACEY

I never went sailing or racing until I was 27 years old. I was working out in Vallejo, California and got invited out to race on a Wednesday night race. I was hooked that night... After returning home, I convinced my good friend Tim Polk to buy a boat together and we jointly purchased our first boat, a Catalina 25.

I also started racing in Annapolis with a friend at work on an Olson 30 and slowly started learning the ropes. After the Olson 30 I sailed on a Tartan 4100 and did my first Governor's Cup and the Annapolis to Newport race in 1993. Tim and I eventually sold our Catalina 25 and instead of moving up to a 30 footer went for broke and bought an Omega 36. We bought the boat in South Dartmouth, Massachusetts (Home of Concordia Yachts) and sailed her down in 1995. We have been racing her since 1996 out of Rock Creek and for the first time last year in the Magothy. We also occasional cruise the boat with my family (Lynn and our two kids Sydney, 6 and Connor, 4), but most of our sailing has been racing.



*Ed Tracey with son Connor
photo by Lynn Tracey*

Ed Tracey

PICNIC AT MOUNTAIN BAR POINT TO FOLLOW LOVE POINT-SWAN POINT RACE ON JUNE 1

The June 1st races, which involve principally PHRF boats from the Magothy River, will start at the traditional position approximately 2 miles east of Baltimore Light to provide a windward first leg to one of the many government marks in our region. It will use other government marks to make a challenging course ending as close as possible to the east side of the channel at Baltimore Light. Please see Greenbook for entry details.

From there the fleet will be invited to raft to a mooring west of Mountain Bar Point or anchor near it. Tender service will be provided to the point where beer, soft drinks, and munchies will be available. There will also be charcoal grills fired up and hamburgers and hot dogs available for cooking.

Families not on board are invited to come to the party by car. Please let us have the names of the drivers so that entry through the Gibson Island gate can be expedited.

We hope that this event will be as much fun as the Fall Party for the Wednesday Night Series and will become as popular.

C. R. Engle, GIYS

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS !

At the May meeting the BOG approved the membership applications of 3 families.

First we have Mark Wecht and Tracey Leibig, who live at 998 Westway in Annapolis. They have 3 children, Amanda, David and Mike. Their boat is a Pearson 31, named MARIAH, which is kept at Whitehall Yacht Yard. They are interested in racing and entertainment.

Second are Charles and Danielle Roskam, and their children Corbin and Rhea, who are interested in cruising. They live at 172 Circle Road, Pasadena. They have a Cheoy Lee 31 named VIAJERO, which is homeported at Rock Creek Marina.

Also, is Jeff Poehler with two children, Garrett and Jordan, who live at 307 Hilton Ave., Catonsville. Jeff has a Tartan 30, named BEAUJOLAIS, which is kept at Magothy Marina. Jeff is interested in racing, cruising and the junior Training program.

Please welcome these new member families when you see them at MRSA events !

Fred Betz



Missed the Boats!

MRSA photo

GALESVILLE CRUISE, JUNE 29-30, 2002 AND THE START OF THE LONG CRUISE, COME BY LAND OR BY BAY

Wendy & Richard Edson will entertain MRSA on Saturday, June 29th from 4:00-until ? at their home in Galesville, located across from the Post Office at 947 Galesville Road. Telephone 410-867-1171

By Land: From Hwy 50 on the East Side of Annapolis take Rt. 665 (Aris T. Allen Blvd) 1 mile to Rt. 2 South (toward Solomons). Cross over South River and into Edgewater's never ending construction and continue 5 miles to Rt. 214 East toward Mayo (left 2 lanes). Continue 2.5 miles to Collision Corner; take a right on Rt. 468 (Muddy Creek Road) south to Galesville. After about 5 miles take a left at the intersection with traffic light and proceed on to 947 Galesville Road, the Edson abode, 1.3 miles up on the left.

By Bay: From the mouth of the Magothy set a course south under the Bay Bridge and from there to Thomas Pt Light. Cross the mouth of the South River and bear southwest toward Fl Green #1 and Fl Red Day Mark #2. Continue up the West River past the Rhode River on the starboard and then follow marks into Galesville harbor. Continue past the first marina and "Pirates Cove" and anchor off Chalk Pt. and "Steamboat Landing" in the center of turning basin. Dinghy into the public town dock (4 feet) Walk east on main road past the "West River Market" about 3 blocks. Our house is 947 across from the Post Office. Watch for Sharks.

The Edson's are happy to treat the club to entrees and some beer, but please bring hors d'oeuvres, salads, or desserts. Bon Appetite.

If you are planning to come to the cruise or just the party, please RSVP to Richard or Wendy Edson at 410-867-1171 or cruise leaders, John or Debbie Lund 410-544-2551.

Richard Edson

JUNIOR TRAINING HELP WANTED

Many hands are needed to prepare the boats for Junior Training summer camp. No experience needed, just many individuals to pitch in and help with some boat maintenance. Work days have been scheduled for June 1 and 2, and June 15. We will also need help moving boats to the Grachur Club on June 16. Contact John Aellen 410.647.7782 or Dave Blanch 410.437.2213 or Sue Kirkendall 410.437.3630. **THERE IS A JOB FOR EVERYONE.**

The instructors have been hired. We are very fortunate to have an enthusiastic group of young people to teach for us this year. There are still some openings for students to attend Junior Training. The program is now open to youngsters whether they are MRSA members or not. If you know of anyone who might be interested contact Dave Blanch or Sue Kirkendall. Remember Junior Training June 17 – June 28. Hope to see you there!

Dave Blanch and Sue Kirkendall

SHAKEDOWN / SOCKBURNING CRUISE

Despite gloomy predictions of storms and torrential downpours, the sun shone for the annual Shakedown/Sockburning Cruise. Approximately 40-45 people braved the forecasted rain, and arrived to partake of the camaraderie, drinks and hors d'oeuvres. As usual, the food was plentiful and delicious, even serving as dinner for some. Seven boats with accompanying crew attended—Follow the Sun, [Dave and Laura Ellerbrake], Élan, [Fred and Sue betz], Min Van IV, John and Debbie Lund], Betelgeuse, [Jon and Judy Mullarky, with Mike, Annette, and Robert Mullarky], Patti Ann (the Wheatleys, potential new members), and Merlin, [Wes, Sheryl, John and Jay McNair]. The seventh boat, nameless, was the Byte sailed in by Jessica Lund. Although she was slightly blue when she arrived, a change to warm clothes and a position near the fire brought her temperature back to normal.

The rest of the group arrived by land, and had an uneventful trip down the hill since Beverly Looper opened another route down to the beach that was much smoother. These included the Bartholomee's, Dorf's, Haskell's, Jackins', Kirkendall's, Mullarky's, Paul's, Poe's, Stamps', Timermans', Websters', Lewis Neisner, Walt Burmeister, and guests Liz Hancock, John Hubbs, and David Sand.

When the majority of the food had been consumed, Commodore Mike Mullarky conducted a casual

continued next column

continued from previous column

business meeting, and opened the fire for the annual sockburning. Hopefully, MRSA members will have enough good luck from all those burnt socks to preclude a number of groundings, lightening strikes, and other mishaps for the year. Thanks again to Beverly Looper for allowing the use of her beach, dock, and facilities. It's a wonderful site for the sockburning cruise.

The next day did not appear to dawn, and the pouring rain precluded most, if not all, of the boats from venturing out to the Bay to watch the start of the Volvo race. Too bad the weathermen aren't accurate, because those willing to hang around and wait would have had good weather—but that certainly wasn't being forecast at the time! (Author's note: The McNair's must not have burnt enough socks, as indicated by the following tale of woe. Saturday morning of the cruise, I drove the jeep down the hill to drop off supplies, etc. Since the trip was uneventful, I had no qualms using a non-four-wheel-drive vehicle Sunday afternoon to pick up the trash, cooler, etc. Halfway down the hill, I realized the torrential rains, which arrived early Sunday morning, might have changed the status of the trail. However, I couldn't possibly change my direction at that point. And, yes, I did get stuck going back up the hill. So, I left the car, and walked home—after numerous attempts on both trails. Unbeknownst to me, while I was waiting at home for Wes to arrive and help retrieve the car, he decided to stop by the beach and clean up. He was halfway down the trail before he noticed my stuck car on the approximately parallel trail up. Too late. The McNair's now had two cars stuck in the mud. Eventually, both were recovered without a tow, so perhaps the sockburning did help!)

Sheryl McNair



*Cool Jessica Lund Arrives with her Byte, helped by Debbie with Beverly Looper Supervising
photo by Sheryl McNair*



Sockburners Assembled at the Looper Waterfront Pavilion

photo by Fred Betz

SEA FAN LOG, MARCH AND APRIL, 2002

continued from previous column

We spent several days in Great Lameshur Bay, and then moved to Salt Pond. The wind had kicked up to a pretty steady 20 knots, with a very strange weather feature approaching from the east. It looked almost like a tropical wave, moving west across the Atlantic; you don't expect these waves until mid summer or. But it's out there, and coupled with a cold front moving south, is causing a very large swell from the northeast - 9 to 12 feet. But in Salt Pond we are protected from the worst of the wind and from the swell. So we've stayed for a week and a half, getting lots of boat chores done, snorkeling, and relaxing. This is a popular bay and beach for visitors - they come by boat, by car, and by bus to spend a day on the beach. One day we counted well over 100 people on the long curving sandy beach. It is busy here, but it's a pleasant busy, with people obviously enjoying their swimming and snorkeling. Turtles abound, and we hear excited calls of "There's a turtle over here!" Most are hawks-bill turtles, though I saw a large green sea turtle one day. They are used to the snorkelers, so you can follow them around, watching them pick individual pieces of grass off the bottom; stopping to chew on them when they get a mouthful. If you are still, you can be quite close to them when they surface for air. The turtles seem to take several breaths before diving back to the bottom - like people hyper-ventilating before a free dive.

continued next column

One day I dove down to look at one, and it let me touch its shell - hard and smooth. The turtle moved off about four feet, and then continued grazing. There are also rays here, mostly southern stingrays with an occasional eagle ray. The rocks in the middle of the bay have some nice coral and lots of fish, including the two largest scrawled filefish I've ever seen. It's a pleasant place.

When we left Salt Pond, we anchored in Cruz Bay to do laundry and shopping, then headed to Christmas Cove on Great St. James Island, just off the east end of St. Thomas. March 14th, we left early for Culebra, an island east of Puerto Rico; the predicted wind never arrived, so it was a motor sail and we arrived at Dewey in Ensenada Honda by 1 PM. Checked into Puerto Rico at the airport, had a late lunch at El Batey Restaurant (wonderful pastrami sandwich, dinner size), explored town, had a drink at the Dinghy Dock Restaurant and Bar, and back to the boat. At 3 AM, flashing lights wakened us. There was a police car and fire truck on shore, and a police boat in the harbor. After the police boat had circled, shining spotlight on each anchored boat, then searching along the shore, they found what they were looking for - a power boat about 20 feet long, with large outboard - spewing smoke. They towed it to shore. We never found out exactly what had happened.

Friday morning we motored a couple of miles to Bahia Almadovar, a large bay on the southeast side of Culebra, protected by an outer reef and a very shallow inner reef and sandbar. That afternoon, the Puerto Rican Navy started to arrive. This is what everyone calls the weekend boaters from Puerto Rico - fast power boats loaded with parents, children, grandparents, etc., all out for the weekend. They anchor from both bow and stern, with the stern to the wind; many raft up as many as four boats. By Saturday afternoon, there were 16 powerboats sharing the anchorage with 3 sailboats. We were pleased to find Clive and Margo on *Revid* here, on their way to Cuba and then the US. We took the dinghy out to the outer reef and found a great place to snorkel tomorrow - then raced back to the boat and missed the worst of the coming rainstorm. Monday we motored across to Culebrita (long day, about 2 miles) and anchored in a bay that reminds us somewhat of Conception Island, our favorite spot in the Bahamas. It's a wide bay, with scattered coral patches and sand flats. The major difference is the windrows of broken coral rubble, some 30 feet long and 6 to 8 feet high. The next morning we were awakened by a jarring thump, as we had swung around and the rudder was hitting one of these rubble piles. We quickly shortened our scope to keep us off the rubble, then after breakfast we moved to a spot where we had more swinging room. There's some nice snorkeling here, and it's very quiet and peaceful. Wednesday we took the dinghy all the way around the island. The beautiful bay at the northeast end is lovely, but untenable with any northerly swell, so we'll pass that by until summer when conditions will be better there. Thursday we went back to Dewey, planning to go to Fajardo by ferry on Friday for shopping. We learned that Friday is a major holiday, no rental cars available, and mobs of people expected -extra ferries, extra police, etc. So we postponed the trip and Friday morning went back to Culebrita, where we were anchored and set before 9 AM.

continued first column, page 7

continued from last column, page 6.

Friday night Jane's mother called and needed some help, so on Saturday we headed to Crown Bay on St. Thomas, and Jane flew to Maryland on Sunday. She spent a month there, helping Marion and finding some permanent help for her. Steve stayed on the boat, taking it back to St. John.

Our friends on St John said we could use their mooring and Steve dove it to make sure it was secure.

The first week after Jane left Steve got a lot of little boat projects done. Then boredom set in and the day's events were to do basic cleaning, brush the cat, and shop for fresh food and read, read, read! When you're sitting in one spot it's lonely by yourself.

When Jane finally got back (hooray!!!), we moved to Salt Pond, where we connected with Randall and Mara, who Jane had met in the taxi on the way from the airport to Red Hook. They're from West Virginia, spending 10 days at the Maho Bay campground. We all went snorkeling and planned to take them on a day sail the next week. So Monday we headed to Francis Bay and on Tuesday we sailed to Jost Van Dyke for lunch at "Foxy's", and then back to Francis Bay for a snorkel. (In 1996 four MRSA couples did a bareboat charter in the Virgins and hung an MRSA burgee in "Foxy's". It's still there and we have a great picture of it!)

You can notice the change in the seasons - the sun is higher and hotter, and soon will pass directly overhead and move north of us at noon.

Steve and Jane Gardner



NEWS CORPORATION and ILLBRUCK at the Annapolis Restart of the Volvo Ocean Race
photos by Kathy Polk

Correction: The photo of *RAVENOUS* on page 6 of the My Old Man was also taken by Kathy Polk, not Peggy Poe as reported. *ed.*

THE TWO WEEK CHESAPEAKE BAY CRUISE SCHEDULE IS SET

The 2-week Chesapeake Cruise will begin with the Galesville cruise on June 29th and end on the Magothy just prior to the Sail for Sight July 12th. A planning meeting was held on May 16th where a tentative schedule was planned. Ports of call will include the Little Choptank, Solomons, Crisfield, Dyer Creek, Urbana, Mill Creek (Great Wicomico), Smith Creek (Potomac), and Waterhole Cove (Choptank). To date the Lunds, Brauns, Beth Vanfossen and the Kirkendall's will be participating. There is still time if anyone else would like to participate on this cruise, so please contact Al or Sue Kirkendall at (410) 437-3630 or alkirkendall@cs.com.

Al Kirkendall

AN ENJOYABLE EVENING WAS HAD BY ALL AT THE MAY GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The General Membership Meeting was held on May 2nd at Ledo's Pizza in Severna Park. Bert Polk provided an interesting and informative presentation on lessons learned from recovering a man overboard. The presentation generated much discussion that caused serious consideration to a real situation that many take too lightly. Some points to ponder for sailors: Where are the boat's rescue devices, what other items are readily available for rescue (i.e. floating noodles) and, most important, are we prepared if the captain goes overboard? Thanks to Bert for a very enjoyable presentation.

Al Kirkendall

THE JUNE CALENDAR, PLUS AND MINUS

6/1 *Love Point - Swan Point Race
and Picnic Hosted by GIYS*

6/1 and 6/16 & 6/16 *Junior Training
Work Party*

6/8 & 6/9 *Annapolis Cruise, Weems
Creek, Severn River, led by Rich
and Toni Hughes*

6/14/02 *June Picnic at Burmeister's
on Blackhole Creek, Magothy
River*

6/17 to 6/28 *Junior Training at
Grachur Club*

6/29 & 6/30 *Galesville Cruise led by
John and Debbie Lund, waith a
party at the home of Richard and
Wendy Edson, and also the start
of Two Week Bay Cruise led by
Alan and Sue Kirkendall*

7/13 & 14 *Sail for Sight Race &
Cruise*

*Anytime: Coast Guard Vessel
Safety Check*

IT IS ALMOST TIME FOR THE MRSA SPRING PICNIC

The Spring Picnic will again be held at the home of Walter and Nancy Burmeister on Blackhole Creek in Pasadena. This popular cookout will be held Friday, June 14th beginning at 6:00 pm. This is one of the most popular events of the year and a great opportunity to renew old friendships and make new ones. The Burmeister's home has a lovely view of Blackhole Creek, and is a great place for a party. Please mark your calendars and make plans to attend.

The hamburgers, hot dogs, beer, wine, soft drinks and desserts will be provided by MRSA. Last names beginning with A-H please bring an appetizer to share and those names starting with I-Z please bring a salad or side dish.

By water the home is on east shore of Blackhole creek almost directly across from PSA. The home is one pier north after the McNair's where Merlin will be moored. By land, get on Mountain Road going to Gibson Island, and just after the Lake Shore Traffic light turn right on North Shore Road (there will be a big blue sign there). Go past the ball fields and veer to the right on Eagle Hill Road. Follow Eagle Hill until you can't go any further and turn right, then make and immediate left on the gravel drive and proceed to the water.

Al Kirkendall

THE OLD MAN

Magothy River Sailing
Association

P. O. Box 1135

Pasadena, MD 21122

<http://mrsa.sailnet.com>



photo by Bill Paul