

THE OLD MAN

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE MAGOTHY RIVER SAILING ASSOCIATION

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OCTOBER GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The October General Membership Meeting will be held October 3rd at the Caesars' Restaurant (old Wooden Nickel Restaurant) on Baltimore Annapolis Blvd in Pasadena. We will meet at the restaurant at 6:30 and order dinner off the menu. It will be Lobster night, and the Chef says that there will be an excellent and inexpensive Lobster dinners available for this event.

I am in the process of finalizing the speaker for this event, so please stay tune to the internet for more information. It will be necessary to give the Restaurant and head count before this event so please RSVP to me at alkirkendall@cs.com or by phone at (410) 437-3630. I look forward to seeing you there.

Al Kirkendall.

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CRUISE TO DOUG'S, LANGFORD CREEK

A combination of really hot weather, no wind, and the Governor's Cup made for light showing at the Lankford Creek home of Douglas Price. (Eagle Point). It was a day to spend in the swimming pool and the brave soles who ventured forth by boat or car did just that. As in past years everyone had a great time. The food was exceptionally good this year with side dishes and desserts to complement the hot dogs, hamburgers, and chicken patties. Sea Robbin was just back from the boatyard and was decked out with the party MRSA flag. Additionally, the Board of Directors of MRSA bestowed on Doug an honorary membership in the Club as recognition of this yearly event. Somewhere between 10 and 12 years he has opened his house to the MRSA for this annual event. We all appreciate his hospitality. Those who came by boat were: *MIN VAN IV* with John and Debra Lund, *FLYING LOW* with the Kirkendalls', *ELAN* with the Betzs', *JAZZ* with Lewis Neisner, Beth Vanfossen, and guest Merry Neisner, *SNOWBIRD* with Mary and Dave Gendell, and *TRINITY* (a late comer) with John and Lorraine Cronin.

Those who braved the ride in air-conditioned cars were: George and Carolyn Stamps, Philippe and Shirley Masiee, Sigrid and Myron Dorf and Dick and Marianne Kammann.

It was a great day with the usual good fun, and conversation as is had at all MRSA events.

Roger Seal



Honorary New Member, Doug Price, is congratulated by Vice Commodore Alan Kirkendall



George Stamps and Dave Gendall at poolside discuss the merits if coming to Doug's by powerboat or automobile.

photos by Fred Betz



Commodore Mike Mullarky

photo by Beth Vanfossen

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COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

So what happens when you combine about 40 sailors, a table full of food, a fleet of small boats, a gentle but puffy breeze, sunny skies and a swimming pool? If you aren't sure, you'll have to join us at next years August picnic to find out! While some folks enjoyed the pool or socializing, others used two of the Junior Fleet 420s or the nine other boats (Lasers, Bytes, Sunfish and an Opti) to explore Cornfield Creek. Many thanks to the folks that helped (rigging 420s, moving boats and other gear, running the grill) to make this event a success.

Adding the small boats to this event did provide the motivation to get a few of the boats out of the back yard and into the water (ours included!), and did bring a few members to the event that probably wouldn't have been there otherwise, but there was also an unexpected benefit. Because of the visibility of the boats sailing, passers-by were able to identify us as a sailing organization and we now have a few membership leads.

Hopefully we can get a few more of the Junior Fleet students and a few more boats out of the weeds to make the 2003 August Picnic even bigger and better.

Also, just because school is starting and "summer" is coming to an end, that doesn't mean that our activities are ending, too. There are many cruising, racing and other events scheduled over the next few months. Hope to see you at some of them.

Mike Mullarky

CBYRA RACING UPDATE

MRSA and CRYC Corsica River Races

Eighteen boats participated in the Corsica River race from the mouth of the Magothy to the Corsica River on July 27th. Henry Morgan did the starting duties for the race while the CRYC did the finishing committee boat work. The three classes represented in the race were Cal 25s, PHRF C/D and PHRF non-spinnaker. *BOREAS* skippered by Mike Mullarky and *MIRANDA*, skippered by Gene Gottschalk were the two MRSA yachts that participated in the race. The next day seventeen boats registered for the race back sponsored by MRSA. CRYC started the race while Bob Simeonson did the finishing committee boat work. Thanks to all of the participants and race committee boats.

Upcoming Races

GIYS's Cedar Point race is scheduled for Saturday, September 7th. The race starts in Annapolis and races down to Cedar Point (dependent on class) and returns. Also coming up in September are the PSA race to Queenstown and race back scheduled for Saturday, September 28th and September 29th respectively.

Ed Tracey

CLASSIFIED ADS

Ski Week at Vail, Colorado:

Enjoy a week in one of the country's finest ski resorts! 2 bedrooms, 2-bath condo, sleeps 6. Outdoor Jacuzzi. Located in Lionshead, with easy walking distance to the Gondola. Available Saturday, February 1 to Saturday, February 8, 2003. \$1300./week. Call 410-757-3104. Ask for Peggy.

For Sale: Laser in good condition, seldom used. \$995
Call 410-757-8753

Canoe for sale: Canoe in great shape for sale. \$250. Call Robbin Seal 410-544-2554

For Sale: 3 man Red Achilles inflatable dinghy with two air chambers, motor mount for up to 3HP, new oars, pump, two wood floor boards, and storage bag in very good condition, \$350. Jeff or Kate Fones, 301-831-1148

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

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

GIVE AN OYSTER (OR A FEW) A BREAK!

Fellow Baysavers and Magothy River folks, the Magothy River Association is partnering with the Chesapeake Bay Foundation to find (100) oyster gardeners to grow oysters on or near the Magothy River and then plant them in the Magothy in 2003. Now is the time to sign up and register for the training session on September 14th at Anne Arundel Community College, from 10am-1pm.

There is an up front fee of \$75 per oyster garden to register, but the Magothy River Association has grant money earmarked to rebate each participant (per oyster garden) \$50. The rebate \$ is part of a Chesapeake Bay Trust (the license plate people) grant that is helping to restore oysters in the Magothy over the next five years. The oyster gardening program will be a great way to jump start the oyster population on existing and/or historical reef locations.

I urge you to spread this message to neighbors, friends and family that may also be interested. Some of you on this list are from Bodkin Creek and will grow your oysters there. The rule of thumb is that we can grow and plant oysters from north to south but not south to north. Has to do with the salinity from river to river.

If and when you sign up, call Stephanie Reynolds at the Chesapeake Bay Foundation to register (410-268-8816) and then send in your money to her. You must tell her that you are with the Magothy group and also contact me to let me know you are signed up. That way, we can keep accurate records of the participants who should receive the rebate.

If you cannot make the 9/14 training, there are other local sessions that can be found at www.savethebay.chf.org.

Hope you can join in the fun!!! If I can answer any questions, please contact me, Carl Treff, of the Magothy River Association by email at MagothyOysters@aol.com. Thanks !

Carl Treff



MRSA RACERS BRING HOME GOVERNOR'S CUP HARDWARE

Eight MRSA racers started the Governor's Cup on a breezy Friday afternoon, August 2. Three brought home hardware on Saturday night and others were close... but for the handicaps. One vessel (not MRSA) was dismantled in the starting area as the winds freshened to 16 knots before the non-spins started.

The *ARK* (photo) from St. Mary's started the fleets in an orderly manner beginning at 1800 hr. with multi-hulls and classes without MRSA racers. The first MRSA to start in PHRF A1 at 1810 hr. was *GITANA* with Lee Carroll at the helm followed five minutes later by Brent Shaw in *TRIBE*. In PHRF B2 Ed Tracey steered *INCOMMUNICADO* across the line at 1820 hr. before *KAREN LEE* with Lee Holtzman aboard at 1825 hr. *REBECCA* (Bill

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The ARK replica at the Governor's Cup
photo by John Hubbs

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Paul) and *BOREAS* (Mike Mullarky) started in PHRF C five minutes later. *RAVENOUS* (Ed Poe) and *SEEBAR* (John Hubbs) in PHRF N brought up the rear at 1840 hr. in building winds from the south, forcing everyone to tack down Bay.

Around 2000 hours, the *SEEBAR* crew devoured bowls of excellent pasta salad in a bed of Swiss chard as we settled in for a long night of close-hauled sailing. With winds approaching 20 knots, we were well heeled over pounding into 2 to 3-foot closely spaced rollers. Water was splashing over the foredeck and *SEEBAR* was buttoned up; fortunately she is a 'dry boat' as few of the splashes reached the cockpit. But sleeping below in the muggy heat was not possible. Whenever we could, someone would grab 40 winks on deck with harness clipped into a lifeline.

The crew on *RAVENOUS* had a wonderful sail except for about twenty minutes when the wind was only 3 to 5 knots. As there was a fair amount of tacking back and forth across the bay, navigation was the challenge, to avoid fish traps, shallow water, and unlit navigational buoys. One of our high points was at about 0200 hr., when our navigators alerted everyone that we should be passing close to an unlit buoy to starboard within the next five minutes. We handed out flashlights and crew started looking for it. About three minutes later, we saw the reflective numbers on the buoy - dead ahead. Hitting it could have messed up our whole day - good navigating!

All during the night, racers crossed paths with tugboats. One tug captain announced to all the racing sailboats in the area: "I'm headed north. I've got a barge in tow. I'm not slowing down, and I'm not altering course. Stay out of my way."

As *RAVENOUS* approached his path, the crew thought they were clear, but heard him call on the radio "Sailboat in front of me, I'm coming at you. You better turn away. You better turn away quick." We didn't question - we tacked quickly and headed east. He continued on the radio "You're awfully close, and I'm coming at you. Move out of the way." We continued our detour east for several minutes. Thinking we were out of his way, we wanted to be sure he agreed, so we hailed him: "This is the sailboat *RAVENOUS*. We're going to illuminate our sails three times. Are we clear of you?"

We shined the light at our sails three times. Silence. He didn't see us. We announced that we would do it again. A pause, then "Oh, I see you now," he said, "you're clear." While we had been evading him and going way out of our way for five minutes, he had been warning another boat!

For hours, heat lightning flashed every few seconds in a dark cloudless, moonless sky. After midnight, a large thunderstorm moved down the Bay from Baltimore and crews on watch witnessed another natural light show. Fortunately the storm dissipated about 0230 hr. before it reached most of the racers. Twice during the night *SEEBAR* approached perilously close to poorly lighted fish traps, forcing emergency tacks with the rail in the water to avoid

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entanglement. At least one non-MRSA racer did not have adequate watch on the foredeck and the crew had to scramble to free the hull and lines from a stinking mess.

With the course mostly long tacks upwind, MRSA racers probably had to sail 100 miles to complete the 70-mile race. Thankfully there was no storm, and the wind was generally steady. It was hot, but all had a good breeze for most of the race—a long race, but a pleasant sail. It could have been a sweltering, slow drifter. The deal with the *SEEBAR* and *RAVENOUS* crews was “We’re here for the fun of it. No matter what, we’ll get to St. Mary’s before the women of Trinity Church stop serving breakfast—even if we have to drop out of the race and motor to the finish line!”

The wind rose steadily to over 20 knots around 0400 hr.. *SEEBAR* rolled up the genoa to about 90% and spilled most of the wind off the main. With this configuration, she reached 7.4 knots over ground (20% above theoretic hull speed) in 24 knots of wind. Before dawn the wind dropped to a light breeze; the genoa was unrolled in time for the wind to pipe up again. The *PRIDE OF BALTIMORE II* served as Race Committee at the finish line. Several boats were able to finish before the wind died again late in the morning; others straggled in with winds that barely filled the spinnakers, and others motored in time for the parties.

At the awards ceremony, Ed Poe received the first award for a

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MRSA crew (third in non-spin). Bill Paul was recognized for second in his class (our Commodore missed bringing home hardware by 16 seconds). Ed Tracey brought home another second place award in PHRF B. Seeing our Magothy River friends from MRSA and PSA do well was great. *RAVENOUS* finishing third of 33 boats in her division was a lifetime thrill for Ed.

Several crews toured the St. Mary’s settlement restoration before partaking of a sumptuous feast with an open bar at the Captain’s Dinner on the campus lawn. A few crews spent the night on campus at St Mary’s College while others headed for home in the cool of the evening between very hot days.

Congratulations to all the MRSA racers, especially those who brought home the Governor’s hardware, and with apologies to any captains and crews we missed or errors in finish time or positions.

John Hubbs and Ed Poe

CAP’N LEW NEISNER’S SHIP’S STORE HAS THE GIFTS YOU NEED FOR YOUR MATE AND CREW

The MRSA Ship’s Store has the clothing and other items that you can use for yourself, your family and friends and show that you are a proud member of the MRSA! Further, all the merchandise is of really fine quality, so you won’t look shabby wearing them.

As resupply of merchandise is done with a single purchase, the best time to be sure that all the sizes that you need are available is to shop early. Remember that only a small markup from cost is made to cover losses and avoid losing money, so you get a bargain besides!



Trust Cap’n Neisner to have only the finest merchandise at the lowest cost



Get your gifts and clothing early, while the selection is the best !

photos by Lewis Neisner

MRSA CORSICA RIVER RACE AND CRUISE, JULY 27-28, 2002

We didn't expect the steady 5-10 knot breeze that livened our pre-start maneuvering. Nine cruising racers were about to take advantage of this gift and have an exciting drag race to Love Point, the first turn in the Corsica River Race.

Mike Mullarky and his crew capably started the cruising race and then made his own start in the CBYRA race that followed. After the 1040 hr. cruising race start and a close reach to Love Point, the fleet beat down the Chester River, reached around the turn in a lifting wind and enjoyed a hot sleigh ride up the river to the finish at red nun "14".

Although *SPARTREK* finished first nine minutes ahead of *JAZZ* and 25 minutes ahead of *SEEBAR*, we were victims of our fast rating and dropped back to third on handicap. *JAZZ* "jumped" us to finish second but was in turn "jumped" on handicap by *SEEBAR* who took the first place honors. Congratulations to these very well sailed boats and to all the cruising racers who made it a great event!

Forty-two MRSAers came by racing, cruising and driving to join our Corsica River Yacht Club hosts. While we were in transit, Jessica Lund was proudly representing the club in the junior races finishing third in the Byte class. CRYC would like to see more participation from our juniors in the two days of racing at this event.

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The party on shore was as good as ever. The blue grass band was really "on" and the barbecued chicken competed with the corn-on-the-cob for the "best-of-dinner" honors.

The cruising racers included: *SEEBAR* with John Hubbs and crew; *JAZZ* with Beth Van Fossen and Lewis Neisner; *SPARTREK* with Dick and Marianne Kammann and George and Carolyn Stamps; *MAGIC DRAGON* with Joe and Diane Jackins; *BETELGEUX* with Jon Mullarky and son; *FLYING LOW* with Al and Sue Kirkendall and family; *BOOMER* with Dan and Maryann Brail; and *MY FAIR LADY* with Phil and Elaine Haskell.

Once again, the Catalina 34 club members joined Dan and Maryann Brail and brought five boats.

Cruising over were Ed and Peggy Poe on *RAVENOUS*; Jeff and Kate Fones on *AURA*; and John Lund on *MIN VAN IV*.

Mike and Annette Mullarky and crew raced over on *BOREAS* in the CBYRA sanctioned event finishing fourth in Class PHRF C.

Roger and Robin Seal joined us by land yacht, as did Philippe and Shirley Massiee.

Put this event on your calendar for the last weekend in July next year. The food, party and camaraderie are consistently first class.

Dick Kammann



A joyous Peggy Poe cruising aboard RAVENOUS, and heading home from the Corsica River Race and Cruise Rendezvous

photo by Wayne Mullinix

SECOND NOTICE, LET'S TRY AGAIN! CRUISE TO ROCK CREEK SEPTEMBER 28 - 29

This announcement may look familiar. Remember we tried to do this cruise last year, but the weather kept everyone away. Let's try a trip to Rock Creek again this year.

Rock Creek is on the south side of the Patapsco River about four miles up-river from Seven Foot Knoll Light. The mouth of the Creek is easily identified by the White Rocks, a large rock formation located about 1/2 mile northwest of Rock Point. We will build the MRSA raft at the mouth of Wall Creek south west of the Maryland Yacht Club.

Bring a fall hors d'oeuvre to share as we'll have a test your knowledge of North Anne Arundel County with a Pasadena Trivia Contest.

After cocktails and hors d'oeuvres you may wish to dine out at one of the three waterfront restaurants in the creek. **Windows on the Bay** offers an excellent contemporary menu. Reservations are suggested. 410 255 1413. **Anchor Inn** is a boater's hangout with good food and probably a band you can hear in the anchorage. Specialties include seafood, steaks, pasta and a great crab dip appetizer. They suggest reservations but we have never needed one. 410 437 0696. **Tall Oaks Restaurant** is a Pasadena tradition. Specialties include soft shell crabs and fried hard crabs. Reservations are not necessary.

Let Jon Mullarky know if you are coming on the cruise. 410 604 3502 or betelgeux @ friendly.net

Jon Mullarky



The MRSA mob munching down the fine food at the Corsica River picnic.



Bluegrass entertainment, courtesy of the Corsica River Yacht Club

photos by John Hubbs

WEDNESDAY NIGHT RACING RESULTS - SERIES 4

In the A fleet the results are 1) *MENTAL FLOSS*, Scott & Dana Barnhart, 2) *PRESSURE DROP*, Jackson-Richter, 3) *PEGASUS*, Tom Curtis. In the B fleet 1) *INCOMMUNICADO*, Ed Tracey, 2) *DASH*, Henry Morgan, 3) *ENCOUNTER*, Drew Dowling. In the C fleet 1) *SURE CURE*, Craig Decker, 2) *JOULE*, Dan & Beth Pendergast, 3) *GHOST DANCER*, Chris Lindsay. In the D fleet 1) *ORAS*, Brad & Maryann Hill, 2) *SAGACIOUS*, Roger & Earlyn Bartholomee, 3) *DOUBLE TROUBLE*, Bob Seay. In the NS fleet 1) *BEAGLE*, Colin Mackenzie, 2) *ENDLESS SUMMER*, Alan Weiss, 3) *WHITE LIGHTNING* Charlie Hutchinson. In the Cor fleet 1) *SEEBAR*, John Hubbs, 2) *RESPITE*, Joe Berchielli, 3) *SOLSTICE*, Larry Morris.

Fred Dreyer

THE SEPTEMBER CALENDAR, PLUS AND MINUS

8/31, 9/1 and 9/2 *Labor Day Cruise, Waterhole Cove and La Trappe Creek. Bill and Judy Webster are Cruise Leaders*

8/31, 9/1 and 9/2 *CBYRA Annapolis Race Week*

9/4 *Wednesday Night Racer's Raft-up*

9/7 *Cedar Point Race, GIYS*

9/14 and 9/15 *Rock Hall Cruise, Annette and Mike Mullarky are Cruise Leaders*

9/28 and 9/29 *Rock Creek off the Pataspco River, Jon Mullarky is the Cruise Leader*

9/28 and 9/29 *Queenstown Race PSA*

10/5 and 10/6 *Whitehall Creek, Jill and Jim McCutchan are Leaders*

Uh-Oh Frostbite Cruise is November 2 and 3. Not as in the Red Book

ROCK HALL CRUISE

September 14 and 15 will find the MRSA Cruising fleet across the Bay in Rock Hall. BCYA has decided not to organize their cruise this year, but we're going anyway. Slips are available at Rock Hall Landing Marina; give them a call at (410) 639-2224 to make a reservation. Bring your biggest American flag and a patriotic themed hors d'oeuvre to share — it's the 188th anniversary of the writing of the Star Spangled Banner, plus the day of the Sail for America gathering in New York Harbor. Dinner is on your own aboard or at one of the local restaurants. *Betelgeux* will monitor VHF 71 if you need to contact the Cruise Captains.

Mike Mullarky



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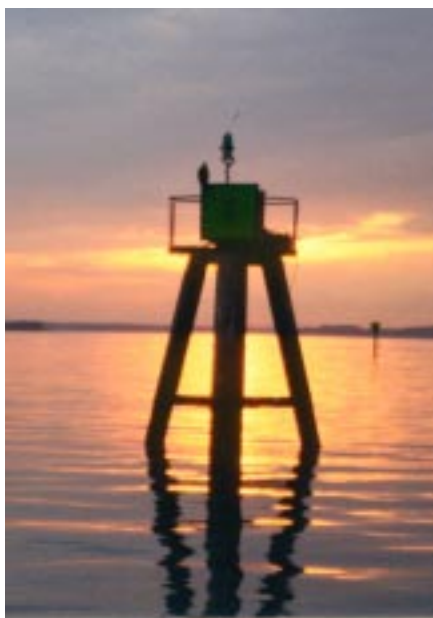


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