



# THE OLD MAN

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE MAGOTHY RIVER SAILING ASSOCIATION

OCTOBER 2002

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT RACING - SERIES 5

The results for series five are as follows: Fleet A 1. Ultra Violet, Dave & Donna Prucnal, 2. Pegasus, Tom Curtis, 3. Mental Floss, Scott & Dana Barnhart. Fleet B 1. Encounter, Drew Dowling, 2. Dash, Henry Morgan, 3. Hyder Ally, Tom Price. Fleet C 1. Ghost Dancer, Chris Lindsay, 2. Joule, Dan & Beth Pendergast, 3. Boreas, Mike Mullarky. Fleet D 1. Oras, Brad & Maryann Hill, 2. Sagacious, Roger & Earlyn Bartholomee, 3. Babette, Read Beigel. Fleet NS 1. Endless Summer, Alan Weiss, 2. Beagle, Colin MacKenzie, 3. White Lightning, Charlie Hutchinson. Fleet Cor 1. Seebar, Hohn Hubbs, 2. Solstice, Larry Morris, 3. Respite, Joe Berchielli. As always the results are provisional until finalized.

Fred Dreyer

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## OCTOBER GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The October General Membership Meeting will be held October 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Ceasar's 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 dinner available for this event. We are very fortunate to have Gale Browning as the speaker for this event, who will be providing a presentation on the 2001 Transat race in which she participated. Gale is very well known in the sailing community, as she has been involved in sailing for the last twenty years, both as a world traveler and as a marine surveyor. She presently holds a 100-ton USCG Captains license. It will be necessary to give the Restaurant a head count before this event so please RSVP to me at [alkirkendall@cs.com](mailto:alkirkendall@cs.com) or by phone at (410) 437-3630. I look forward to seeing you there.

Al Kirkendall.



Wednesday Night Racers "CHARLIE", left, skippered by Bruce Mitchell and "HYDER ALLEY", right, skippered by Tom Price of GIYS, on a port tack. photos by Al King, Wednesday Night Race Committee Member



Commodore Mike Mullarky

photo by Beth Vanfossen

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## **COMMODORE'S COMMENTS**

I finally have to admit that Summer is over. It wasn't the end of Wednesday Night racing. It wasn't that school started again. It wasn't even the appearance of the first tropical storms. It was the pink stuff. I walked into a boat store the other day, and they had cases and cases of pink antifreeze piled in the aisles. Like it or not, the sailing season is winding down.

But winding down doesn't mean that it's over. There are still a handfull of cruises and races to join before pouring that pink stuff into the water tanks. In fact, Autumn is my favorite season for sailing on the Chesapeake— normally mild temperatures, stronger winds and smaller crowds, since many boat owners have already winterized. If you haven't put the boat away yet, try to join a couple more MRSA events before you do.

This also marks the start of a few busy months for the BOG. Within the next couple of weeks, we'll be starting the planning for 2003 — reviewing the Bylaws, setting the Budget, finding Officers and Committee Chairmen and reviewing the 2002 activities. As we plan for next year, it's a great time to let us know how you feel about the Club and its activities. Do we have enough cruises? Too many? How about races? Junior Fleet activities? Social events? Should we consider trying to win this Louis Vitton Cup that's getting all sorts of press lately? Let any of the Officers or Committee Chairs know what you think so that we can consider those ideas as we begin planning for 2003.

*Mike Mullarky*

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## **GOOSE CRUISE 19 AND 20 OCTOBER**

This year's Goose Cruise is headed for beautiful Grays Inn Creek off the Chester River for the weekend of October 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>. This time of the year has some of the best sailing on the Chesapeake, and with the haunting sounds of the migrating flocks of Canada geese to lull you to sleep, [or keep you awake!], it's a cruise you can't miss! The good ship, *Vanir*, is planning an early and choice anchorage on Saturday to welcome you, so hail on VHF channel 71 if you don't see her.

Tony Torres will host a Happy Hour and provide a near endless supply of Rum Daiquiris, either standard or "Atkins" type, [no sugar]. This particular beverage is reputed to mellow the sounds of the geese, provided a sufficient quantity is imbibed.

Those intending to join the cruise should please call Tony Torres at 410-315-8850 and leave a message, or email to [torresac@msn.com](mailto:torresac@msn.com).

*Fred Betz and Tony Torres*

## CLASSIFIED ADS

**For Rent:** Ski or Hike Summit County, Colorado - 2 BR / 2.5 BA Townhome with spectacular views of the Rocky Mountains. Close to Breckenridge, Copper, Vail and Keystone. Check out <http://vrbo.com/vrbo/3697.htm> or call 303-783-9786 for more information on 'The Big Ski Haus'.

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**For Sale:** ORIGO 5000 BTU Alcohol Cabin Heater \$50. Harvey Paskin (410) 268-9013

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**Wanted to Buy:** 13' or 15' Boston Whaler. Please call Bob McKenney, 410-544-0204

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**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

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**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.

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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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## ANNUAL FROSTBITE CRUISE TO BUDDY'S CRAB HOUSE AND COCKTAIL PARTY, SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2

The annual Buddy's Crab House Cruise will be held Saturday, November 2 at 6:30. If you plan to sail to Annapolis, you might be able to get a slip at the City Dock. Otherwise, grab a mooring and dinghy ashore or call a water taxi. You may have Buddy's famous crabs or any of the delightful selections from their regular menu.

This year's pre-Buddy's cocktail party will be held from 4:00-6:00 at the home of Bert and Kathy Polk, 2101 Harbor Drive, 410-757-0989. Their house is about 5 minutes from the Bay Bridge. Directions: From Route 50, use exit 32 Sandy Point State Park (If you are coming from the Eastern Shore, it is the very first exit after the tollbooths. From Annapolis and the west, it is the last exit before the tollbooths). As you come off the exit ramp, turn **left** onto **East College Parkway**. You will see the entrance to Sandy Point, continue to **turn left again**. Your first right is at "Shoreline Protection" - Log Inn Road. **Turn right onto Log Inn**. The Polk's house is one mile in a straight line. Log Inn will actually turn right just past a farmhouse, but continue straight and the road becomes Tydings Road. You will go through some woods and emerge into a neighborhood, "Podickory Point." The first right in the neighborhood is Harbor Drive. Ignore that and continue straight to the next right -also Harbor Drive. 2101 Harbor Drive is on the corner of Tydings Road and Harbor Drive.

Please don't let these directions discourage you from coming. The Polk's house is really a lot easier to get to than the directions indicate. It promises to be a fun day.

For reservations for the cocktail party and/or Buddy's, please contact Lewis Neisner ASAP, but definitely before Wednesday, October 30. 410-647-0694 or [lneisner@rhsmith.umd.edu](mailto:lneisner@rhsmith.umd.edu)

*Lewis Neisner*

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## HALLIE RICE REGATTA

The Hallie Rice Regatta kicks off on Saturday, October 12 at 0930 hours in the vicinity of the RC boat, which will attempt to be in the area bounded by marks "A", "B", and "D". What is different about this race is that it is a reverse start in that the boat with the highest handicap goes first followed by each boat at the pre-set time determined by their handicap. It is a cross between one-design and PHRF in that the first boat, regardless of handicap, that finishes comes in first! So come out and enjoy a different twist. Racing will take place both Saturday and Sunday that weekend with multiple races if time and wind allow. The course will be a windward/leeward course and will be a total of 5 nautical miles in length. See the Red Book for registration and additional information, and please check the website for start time.

*Ed Tracey*

## **THE VIEW FROM SEEBÄR'S HELM - "GETTING STARTED"**

After accepting several stories for The Old Man, Fred Betz took up my offer for a regular column in future issues (space permitting). This feature provides the opportunity to express in writing a passion for sailing to a coterie of new friends in the MRSA.

By way of background, I started sailing much later in life than most brought up between the Patapsco and Severn Rivers. In the spring of 1991, Frank Ylinen offered to teach me to sail on his 25' Cal, *Dauntless*, as repayment for the ski instruction I'd given him the previous winter. I'm forever grateful to Frank, knowing I got the better end of the deal. He shared Chesapeake gunkholing as we sailed to both ends of the Bay together. A week to Block Island/Nantucket and another sailing back from Bermuda with Frank on larger vessels whetted my appetite for open-ocean sailing ... occasionally.

In 1996 my wife, Jutta, and I began sailing *Prime Interest*, an O'Day 30, out of Oak Harbor on Rock Creek off the Patapsco at White Rocks. That's where I started racing and met Ed Tracey when he was Commodore of the Rock Creek Racing Association. Racing in an industrial harbor in the shadow of steel mill took some of the romantic glamour out of sailing, but competing was fun. Racing for the first time clearly demonstrated how little I knew about sailing. In late '99 the owner

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of the O'Day decided to sell her ... I was 'boatless' for a season and feeling the itch to get back on the water.

Approaching my 60<sup>th</sup> in the spring of 2001, I realized that I didn't want to be looking back in 15 years wishing I'd owned my own vessel when I had the chance. So began an arduous six-month search for a cruiser/racer that I could single hand and that could weather the chop generated by 20+ knot winds on the Bay. I found a Pearson 30 that was perfect for us, but the owner pulled it off the market after we offered his asking price.

Restarting the search uncovered a well-founded and maintained Lippincott 30 in Oxford. Despite a lack of information about Lippincott's, we made the commitment and motored her up to Leatherwood's North Shore Marina on Broad Creek in April. As we backed into the slip, a stranger at the marina helped us tie up for the first time. Later we learned his name, Ed Poe; we are no longer strangers – few who meet Ed are for long.

At our first haul out, we renamed the boat *Seebär*, German for "sea bear" and "old salt". (Jutta was born in Germany, collects teddy bears, and is generally nuts about bears. I got my boat, she got to name it!). Since then I've experienced first hand the joys and frustrations of maintaining the many systems aboard a sailing vessel. This summer we fashioned an awning from mast to backstay out of an old sail we replaced on *Prime Interest*. The plans (or help) are available, if you'd like to make one yourself.

With that background, I'm looking forward to sharing "messin' around on boats", cruising, racing, book reviews, philosophies of mariners, and anything else that comes to mind. If you have topics you'd like to share or see in this column, drop me an e-mail at [jbhcoach.@erols.com](mailto:jbhcoach.@erols.com).

*Fair winds, John Hubbs*

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## **A LOVE OF LABOR**

The nine boats that sailed from the Magothy exclaimed, "the best sail of the season." Conditions on Saturday Aug. 31<sup>st</sup> were perfect for sailing south to the Choptank with a 15 to 20 knot wind out of the NE. It seemed all boats averaged at least 6.5 knots as they raced toward Tilghman Island. Ed Poe proclaimed, "I don't know why they even put a main on their J42 as they roared to Tilghmans under the genoa alone.

Once at Waterhole Cove everyone wisely decided against rafting up as the winds maintain an average speed of 25 knots. Peggy and Ed Poe graciously offered their boat *Ravenous* as the platform for happy hour with 22 folks exchanging great yummy-yums and tales of the sail to the Tilghman area.

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Have you heard the Higgins story? We were on our own anchors and Higgins was on the Haskell's boat barking that he wanted to come over too. All of a sudden, Jessica Lund yelled to us "Look, Higgins is swimming over!" (*My Fair Lady*, the Haskell's boat, was anchored at least 50 - 100 yards from *Ravenous*.) We all looked, and there was Higgins doggie paddling his way towards *Ravenous*. He was half-way toward us by this time, and it was choppy there in Waterhole Cove. Phil made his way into his dinghy just as Higgins reached it, and Phil helped Higgins into the dinghy. What entertainment for our cocktail crowd! Higgins really wanted to come aboard *Ravenous*, but we drew the line, and excluded wet dogs. Rather than admonishing Higgins, he was rewarded with hors d'oeuvres. (Now who can guess Higgins' plan for the next raft up?) Higgins decided he didn't like the Haskell's dinghy (there was probably 3 inches of water in it.) He jumped into a drier dinghy, curled up, and waited until time to return to the mother ship.

Then a game of Tilghman Trivia questions was played with the winner receiving a bottle of vintage imported wine guarantee to be at least a week old. The winners were Diane and Joe Jackins on *Magic Dragon*. Jessica Lund and Andy Kirkendall teamed up to provide the funniest incorrect answers.

All the partygoers had plenty to eat and drink and departed by dinghy to their respective yachts

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for a rocking and rolling Saturday night. Happily all anchors held securely.

Sunday we all discovered what rain was. Everyone wisely decided to stay put and chill out as wave after wave of rain sweep over the anchorage. Attending this years Love of Labor Cruise were: Beth Vanfossen and Lewis Neisner on *JAZZ*; Bob Krapfel and Gabriella Belli on *La Bora*; Susan, Alan and Andy Kirkendall on *Flying Low*; Debbie, Jessica and John Lund on *Min Van IV*; Jill and Jim McCutchan on *Great Escape*; Peggy and Ed Poe on *Ravenous*; Elaine and Phil Haskell with their guests Caroline and George Stamps [and Higgins] on *My Fair Lady*; Diane and Joe Jackins on *Magic Dragon*; and Judy and Bill Webster on *Frisky Business*.

Bill Webster, with Peggy Poe



The Cold but Happy Cruisers aboard *Ravenous* for Hors D'Oeuvres on Labor Day Weekend



Phil Haskell with his Wet and Devoted "Higgins"

photos by Peggy Poe

## **ANNAPOLIS RACE WEEK**

Tom Curtis, Gene Barnhart and their crew helped MRSA again make a present in one of the premier racing events on the Bay; Annapolis Race Week. Their race committee work on two out of the three days were instrumental in an excellent event taking place over the Labor Day weekend. They also were able to get races off on Saturday with their fleet of Cal25's, Catalina 25's, J-30's, PHRF C/D, Pearson 30s and PHRF Non-spinnaker in high winds and waves while the larger boats cancelled their races for the day because of the weather. Thanks go out again to Tom and Gene for helping MRSA provide a critical function in this event. Their participation on behalf of MRSA helped us by adding \$600 dollars of revenue to our budget.

*Ed Tracey*

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## **NARROWS NEWS**

Here's the most recent report on the channel water depths in frequently traveled shoal prone waterways. Kent Narrows when the tide was running out measured 8.5 ft on the Chester side and no lower than 7.8ft on the Prospect Bay side.

Knapps Narrows at low tide measured 8.5 on the Bay side and 7.6 at the lowest on the Choptank side. Most of the MRSAs went through on Mon. no one reported any problems.

*Bill Webster*

## **TROPHY PARTY**

The trophy party is scheduled for 1800 hr. [6:00PM], Wednesday, October 2nd at the Gibson Island Yacht Squadron Boat House. The main courses (the fabulous subs from Bay Hills Deli) along with beer, wine and sodas will be provided by the club. Each skipper should bring an appetizer or desert to the event. Everyone is invited whether you come by automobile or boat and skippers make sure to invite your crew!!

Also coming up in September are the PSA race to Queenstown and race back scheduled for Saturday, September 28<sup>th</sup> and September 29<sup>th</sup> respectively.

*Ed Tracey*



*The End of Wednesday Night Series 5 Racers Raft Up, in the September Setting Sun on the Magothy River*

*photo by Al King, Wednesday Night Race Committee Member*

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## **CEDAR POINT RACE**

Approximately 40 boats took part in the Gibson Island Yacht Squadron's Cedar Point Race on September 7th. MRSA racers included Brent Shaw on *Tribe* in Class A2, Dash, skippered by Henry Morgan and Fred Dreyer with *Corain* in PHRF B, and Bill Paul skippered *Rebecca* and Craig Decker skippered *Sure Cure* in PHRF C/D. Congratulations to Craig and his *Sure Cure* team on their first place finish and Bill Paul and the *Rebecca* crew for the 3rd place finish.

*Ed Tracey*

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## **MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

The November General Membership meeting will be held on Thursday, November 7<sup>th</sup>. Mark your calendars and stay tuned for more details.

*Al Kirkendall*

## REMEMBER!! 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 identified by the White Rocks, a large rock formation located about 1/2 mile northwest of Rock Point. The MRSA raft will be at the mouth of Wall Creek southwest of the Maryland Yacht Club.

Bring an 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](mailto:betelgeux@friendly.net)

Jon Mullarky

## ROCK HALL CRUISE

Defenders Day weekend (September 14-15) found the MRSA Cruising Fleet in Rock Hall. The overcast skies, 15-20 knot winds and choppy seas kept most of the powerboats in port, but made for wonderful autumnal sailing. A quick reach across the Bay on Saturday left plenty of time to wander through "downtown" Rock Hall before the cocktail party and dinner, with a similarly quick trip home on Sunday. Participants included Sue, Al and Andy Kirkendall on *Flying Low*, Marianne and Dick Kammann on *Spar Trek*, Pauli and Mike Romey on *Chinook*, Beth Vanfossen and Lewis Neisner on *Jazz*, Dretta and Dick Peterson on *April Fool*, Sigrid and Myron Dorf on *Light Spray*, Gabriella Belli and Bob Krapfel on *La Bora*, and Jon and Mike Mullarky (with Annette on Sunday) on *Betelgeux*. Joining us by land were Fred Betz, Marty and Mark Walker and Roger Seal and "Charlie".

Mike Mullarky



A Breezy and Overcast Afternoon at the Rock Creek Marina Picnic Grounds, but Good Friends, Good Food and Drink Dispel the Gray Clouds - Almost All Present ... Except Myron, [who took the picture]

photo by Myron Dorf

## CRUISE TO WHITEHALL CREEK, CHANGED DATES !!

The Cruise to Whitehall Creek off the Severn River is rescheduled to the weekend of October 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>. So if you are not racing in the Hallie Rice Regatta, please plan to come. Details are not available as publication time, so please call Jim and Jill McCutchan at 410-360-1163 or email [jillnjimmac2@juno.com](mailto:jillnjimmac2@juno.com).

Fred Betz

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

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

10/2 Trophy Party, 1900 hr., GIYS

10/3 General Membership Meeting at Ceasar's, Gale Browning Speaker

10/7 BOG, 1900 hr., at the Mullarky's

10/12 and 10/13 Hallie Rice Regatta

**10/12 and 10/13 Note New Dates !** Whitehall Creek, Jill and Jim McCutchan are Leaders

10/19 and 10/20 Goose Cruise, Grays Inn Creek, Dee and Tony Torres

10/26 BCYA Fall Harbor Cup Race

11/7 General Membership Meeting, Location & Program TBA

**11/2 and 11/3 Note Date Not as in Red Book !** Frostbite Cruise to Buddy's, Annapolis, Lewis Neisner

## **FROSTBITE SERIES STARTS NOVEMBER 2**

We have added a fourth day to the Fall River series this year. Here's a chance to race four Saturday's for the unbelievable price of \$ 15 for eight races. The series starts Saturday, November 2 and runs until the 23<sup>rd</sup>. If you haven't sent in your race fee for this series yet, don't hesitate- get it in today. This can be a pleasant, cool comfortable time to get some nice fall weather racing in before the cold weather gets here, and it's more fun than raking leaves or doing other fall jobs.

If you didn't include your fee in the entry form this past spring, just send in your \$ 15 now and you will be ready to race. If you didn't race this year and want to do the frostbite fill out your entry form in the Red Book or print it from our web site (<http://mrsa.sailnet.com>) and send it to me with the fee.

*Fred Dreyer*

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## **MISSING MARK RESCUED**

A special thanks goes out to Sherrill Modlin for saving Mark "D" that had broken loose of it's mooring and was heading out of the Magothy. The marks and associated ground tackle cost around \$200 to replace so we thank Sherrill for locating and then helping Roger Bartholomee put the mark back in service.

*Ed Tracey*

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