



THE OLD MAN

PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE NOVEMBER GENERAL MEMBERSHIP

The November General Membership meeting will be held on November 7th, at Ledo's Pizza in Severna Park beginning at 6:30. Dinner will consist of the usual pizza and salad. Instead of a guest speaker, the meeting will feature a video titled "Cruising the Bahamas" with Paul and Sheryl Shard. The video is full of beautiful underwater photography and provides instruction on navigating by the color of the water and anchoring. The video lasts 60 minutes so please plan on arriving promptly. Hope to see you there!

Al Kirkendall

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ANNUAL FROSTBITE CRUISE TO BUDDY'S CRAB HOUSE AND COCKTAIL PARTY

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2 - REMINDER

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, you can 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.

Lewis Neisner

KEEP THE BAY CLEAN, TAKE YOUR TRASH HOME



Commodore Mike Mullarky

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MRSA is a member of CBYRA, CBYCA, and Boat/US (Member #GA 80366 S).

COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

MRSA is one heck of a value. There aren't too many other sailing clubs around that offer the variety of programs that we do for the cost. An active cruising agenda, a strong racing fleet, a popular junior training program, a variety of social events and even a growing small boat fleet offer our members many opportunities to participate.

As the cost of running our activities increases, we only have two ways to respond. We can raise the rates (dues, entry fees, etc.), or spread the costs over more members. I think that we would all prefer to see a larger roster than larger fees.

This does not mean that the fees must go up for next year. Although it is possible, the budget is in pretty good shape and should not require significant increases. But, we all know that costs will continue to rise, so now is the time to start doing something about it.

As our activities move from the water to the land, think about inviting a friend. Our most effective recruiting tool is that personal introduction, and many of the upcoming events (monthly meetings, cruise to Annapolis, Parade of Lights, etc.) are great opportunities for this.

Hope to see you (and a friend) at many of them.

Mike Mullarky



Former Member Rich Whitman's "Lyoness" carrying MRSA Greetings in the 1999 Parade of Lighted Boats in Annapolis

MRSA Protographer Unknown

ANNAPOLIS PARADE OF LIGHTS

The Annapolis Parade of Light will be held on Saturday, December 14th. MRSA unfortunately does not have an entry in this event but has once again reserved room 511 at The Annapolis Marriott Waterfront Hotel to view this event. MRSA will be providing the drinks and asks the members to bring a hors d'oeuvre to share. Please come and join us for this event.

Al Kirkendall

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'.

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

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

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

ROCK CREEK CRUISE

The weekend of September 28 and 29 found a bunch of MRSA cruisers in Rock Creek. Saturday's conditions made for a wonderful sail — about 10 knots of wind and sunny skies. Sunday was a little light, but the opportunity to see the USCG Eagle made the trip worthwhile.

Thanks to Carolyn and George Stamps for hosting the gathering Saturday evening, where the usual variety of goodies were sampled.

Attending by land where the Stamps, Jane and Steve Gardner, Marianne and Dick Kammann, Sue, Al and Andy Kirkendall and Pat Branch. By boat were Laura and Dave Ellerbrake, Toni and Rich Hughes and Annette and Mike Mullarky with Ruth and Talia Baumert as guests.

Mike Mullarky

NOMINATIONS FOR THE YEAR 2003 MRSA BOARD OF GOVERNORS

The Nominating Committee has developed a slate of candidates for the MRSA Board of Governors for next year. The positions and names of the candidates are the following::

Commodore.....	Alan Kirkendall
Vice Commodore.....	Sheryl McNair
Rear Commodore.....	TBD
Secretary.....	George Stamps
Treasurer.....	Jim McCutchan
Fleet Captain Cruising....	Myron Dorf
Fleet Captain Jr. Training	Dave Blanch and Susan Kirkendall
Race Committee Chair....	TBD

As of press time for *The Old Man*, the positions for Rear Commodore and Race Committee Chair are still open. These positions organize the racing program for MRSA. If you are interested in either position, please contact Mike Mullarky or Ed Tracey.

The MRSA By-Laws provide that nominees may be accepted from the floor, with the prior consent of the nominee, at the time of elections. Please plan to attend the December Membership meeting and elections. [See *Wine and Cheese* article on page 8 of this issue of *The Old Man*.]

The chair of the Nominating Committee, Past Commodore Debra Lund, offers a big Thank You to the other members of the committee, Commodore Mike Mullarky, Vice Commodore Alan Kirkendall and Rear Commodore Ed Tracey.

Debra Lund

THE GOOSE CRUISE

This year Goose Cruise was full of adventure, high winds, a Bald Eagle that put on a show, a mass grounding and finally a lazy sail and for some of us, having to start the Iron Jenny to get home.

The sail to Grays Inn Creek was full of adventure. Comments such as "What am I doing out here alone", "Fastest trip to Grays Inn Creek in years", were heard during the evening's happy hour. All I know is that my GPS never went below 7.9 and at times registered 8.6 Knots as I crossed the Bay. Lighter boats must have flown, not sailed. Beth Vanfossen chose this cruise for a single-handed voyage aboard *JAZZ*, and happily survived! Also single-handing were John Lund on *Min Van IV*, and the intrepid Cruise Leader on *Vanir*. The other boats that made the trip were the Ellerbrake's on *Follow the Sun*, the Stamps with *Marimba II*, the Paskin's on *L'Chayim*, Fones' with *Aura*, the Maisiee's on *Corrett*, the Hughes' with *Fantastic*, Poe's *Ravenous*, an Kammann's on *SparTrek*. The Trepp's were crew on *My Fair Lady* with Phil Haskell and Higgins. The boat *Victoria* came with new members Charles and Debbie Deibert. There were also guests were aboard *Fantastic*, *Ravenous*, and *Corrett*. The Club was well represented.

The Cruise Leader arrived late; [living in the same neighborhood with the Jackins must be rubbing off]. The party was well under way, with everyone on the

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center four boats of a raft of 10 or 12. Entertainment was provided in part by a large Bald Eagle as he snagged a fish not more that 15 to 25 feet behind the raft. The Cruise Leader's Rum Daiquiris provided a fresh injection of spirit for the revelers. Also adding to the spice of the Happy Hour was Carolyn Stamps creation that finally was dubbed "Rum Puppies". They were so tasty that a number of requests for straws to remove the remaining liquid in the platter were noted. Recipes for both follow:

The formula for Tony Torres' "Rum Daiquiris":

2 Parts Rum, 1 Part Key Lime Juice (Nellie and Joes Famous Key West Lime Juice), 1 Tablespoon Powdered Sugar or "Splenda", Over Ice, Shaken vigorously. Serve

Carolyn Stamps' "Rum Puppies"

2 lb. Sausage cooked 'til done and cut in 1 in pieces. In a saucepan put 1 1/2 lbs Dark Brown Sugar and 3/4 to 1 cup Rum and heat 'til hot, Use Dark Rum such as Myers. Add the sausages, and let sit for about 15 to 20 minutes and serve. Enjoy!

Three Gallons of Daiquiris were consumed, and ingredients were brought for four. Enough to eat was apparent, as some revelers went directly from appetizers to desert.

Apart from a very early morning wind shift and a grounding by four or five boats, [prompting the Ellerbrake's to depart for Florida waters right then and there], all had a great time. I am looking forward to doing it again next year.

Tony Torres, (with Fred Betz)

FROSTBITE SERIES

It's not too late to get your entry in for this last series and a chance to enjoy racing in the pleasant fall air. If you have entered this year just send in your \$ 15 fee and let us know the class you will be racing in.

Fred Dreyer

SERIES SIX RACE RESULTS

The results for the last Wednesday series are as follows: Class Spin 1 1- *Charlie*, Bruce Mitchell; 2- *Karen Lee*, Leon Holzman; 3- *Endless Summer*, Alan Weiss. Class S2 1- *Rosebud*, Don Fisher 2- *Double Trouble*, Bob Seay, 3- *Celerity*, Mark Walker. Class S Pink 1- *Incommunicado*, Janet Hofman, 2- *Encounter*, Nancy Bray, 3- *Ultraviolet*, Donna Prucnal. Class NS 1- *Better Times*, Bob Simonsen, 2- *Beagle*, Colin MacKenzie, 3- *Vagabond*, Norm Poulsen.

Fred Dreyer

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MRSA SHIP' STORE - HOLIDAY SHOPPING

Get a head start on your holiday shopping. Avoid the crowds in the malls. Shop from the comfort of your home (or boat). Give your loved ones the gifts of a lifetime.

Although you can't place your orders online, you can go to <http://mrsa.sailing.com> and click on MRSA merchandise and/or to page 6 of the 2002 Red Book to see just some of the many fabulous items in the MRSA Ship's Store. Let me know if you have any ideas for additional items not currently listed.

To place your order, just call Lewis Neisner at 410-647-0694 or email lneisner@rhsmith.umd.edu. Free personal delivery on all orders over \$50 until December 18 in Anne Arundel and Baltimore counties.

Lewis Neisner

BOAT US MEMBERSHIP

MRSA has renewed the contract with Boat U.S. as a Boat U.S. Cooperating Group. Since MRSA has this special arrangement, you can receive 50% off when you join or renew your Boat U.S. membership. A one-year membership is \$9.50. If you are renewing your Boat U.S. membership, be sure to mention our Co-op Group #GA80366S to receive the special rate.

Dedra Lund

WHITEHALL CRUISE - OCTOBER 12TH/13TH

The Whitehall Creek cruise could best be described as "cozy" or "sparsely attended", as one sees fit. Because of a schedule change, less than perfect weather, and perhaps security concerns, only three cruisers were present - Myron and Siggie Dorf on *Light Spray*, Dick and Marianne Kammann on *Spartrek*, and Jill and Jim McCutchan on *Great Escape*.

We had a nice 5 -10 knot breeze from the north as we departed the Magothy River so *Great Escape* was able to nicely broad reach/run down to the mouth of Whitehall Creek with little difficulty. After making the gyrations involved in following the channel markers up Whitehall Creek, fortunately made easier by the fact several "natives" were sailing in front of us, we spotted the Kammann's in Rideout Creek and rafted up.

After a pleasant social hour(s) aboard *Spartrek*, featuring Bloody Mary's prepared by Myron Dorf that can only be described as smoooooooooooooth, we found it very easy to prepare for sleep. Unfortunately, shortly after all had turned in, Dick Kammann noticed that two boats, which had been tied, up to a pier 100 yards or so up Rideout Creek, were now abeam. This left us with two possibilities: (a) the boats and pier to which they were tied were moving along the shoreline past us or (b) our anchor was dragging. After some discussion, we selected option (b) as our first choice and motored the raft back up Rideout Creek, apparently setting the hook OK this time as there were no further unplanned anchor drills during the evening.

With the forecast for showers later in the day, we left early Sunday morning for home, motoring into a wind, which had remained, from the North. Encountering only brief periods of drizzle, we managed to weave our way through the Hallie Rice regatta. Despite the small turnout, all involved had a nice relaxing cruise accompanied by good fellowship.

Jim McCutchan

GOOD SPEAKER, GOOD FOOD, TOO MUCH NOISE

The October General Membership Meeting was held October 3rd at the Ceasar's Restaurant on Baltimore Annapolis Blvd in Pasadena. Approximately 45 members attended this event, and were able to meet Gale Browning and enjoy the presentation on her participation in the 2001 Transat race. The food was good, however, unfortunately the noise level in the restaurant made it extremely difficult to hear the presentation. I would like to thank Gale for sharing her experiences with us, and if you are interested in learning more about Gale or following her future activities, go to www.2001mintransat.com.

Al Kirkendall

THE OCTOBER CALENDAR, PLUS AND MINUS

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

11/2, 11/9, 11/16 and 11/23 Frostbite Series races

11/7 General Membership Meeting, LEDO's Pizza, Program: "Cruising the Bahamas", with Paul and Sheryl Shard

12/5 General Membership Meeting, Belvedere Yacht Club. Wine and Cheese party and Election of Officers

12/14 Annapolis Parade of Lighted Boats, MRSA has Room 511, Annapolis Waterfront Marriott Hotel

WINE AND CHEESE PARTY

The December membership meeting will be held at the Belvedere Yacht Club Thursday December 5th, beginning at 6:30. This will be our annual Wine and Cheese Party. Everyone is asked to bring a hors d'oeuvres to share and your special wine for tasting. After the sampling of the wines and enjoying the special treats there will be a very short business meeting when the election of MRSA officers for 2003 will be held. Please come and enjoy the wine, great food and friendly conversation with good friends. See you there.

Alan Kirkendall

TROPHY PARTY

The trophy party was a big success again with a terrific turnout and a good time had by all. Many thanks to all those that helped Ed Tracey plan the event and provide the food and drinks, and to the Gibson Island Yacht Squadron for providing the facilities. Everyone that attended enjoyed talking and meeting with their friends and crew of other competitors. There were a few awards that had to be delayed but the race officials have been busy clearing up the results.

Fred Dreyer

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