



THE OLD MAN

A BRIGHT SUNRISE, AFTER THE 2003 BLIZZARD

Yes, we will be lifting boats rather than snow very soon! Junior Training is scheduled to begin June 19 (surely the governor will shorten the school calendar). Andrea Gargagliano will be in charge of Junior Training as the Head Instructor. In addition to serving as an instructor for two years Andrea is a graduate of MRSA Junior Training. Andrea's experience and close ties to the Junior Training program will afford our young sailors a very exciting camp. During the next month we will be hiring instructors to assist Andrea. There are 35 openings for Junior Training. Applications can be found in the Red Book, at the MRSA website, or by contacting Sue Kirkendall.

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WHY SAW THE HANDLE OFF YOUR TOOTHBRUSH?

Come to the annual MRSA March Brunch on Sunday, March 16th, at Windows on the Bay, and Tim Zimmerman, author of *The Race*, may explain the answer. Tim Zimmerman, the speaker for the March meeting, is an experienced sailor, and journalist for *Sports Illustrated* and *Outside*. He chronicled "The Race: The First Nonstop, Round-the-World, No-Holds-Barred Sailing Competition". Six maxi-catamarans, including *Playstation*, *Team Phillips* and *Club Med*, left Barcelona on New Year's Eve 2000, racing through the treacherous Southern Ocean to round Cape Horn and onward to Marseilles. His book also describes the history of extreme sailing, in craft from nineteenth century clipper ships to the dangerous, high-tech marvels of today, with masts 15 stories tall.

The brunch is \$20 per person, \$10 for children. The menu includes French Toast, Eggs Benedict, Mahi-mahi, Blackened Chicken Rotini. We will have a private room, on the (heated) deck. The restaurant is located at 1420 Colony Road in Pasadena, Maryland. To get there by land, go east on Fort Smallwood Road, past Hog Neck Road, turn left on Colony Road, and go to the White Rocks Marina at the end, where the restaurant is located. By water, it is on Rock Creek off the Patapsco. RSVP to Wes or Sheryl McNair, 410-437-8998, mcnair4@earthlink.net or sammcnair@yahoo.com (Note: the email address in the Red Book for Sheryl is incorrect, and the MRSA website may also list the incorrect address) by March 13th. If plans change after that date, call anyhow, and we may be able to make arrangements.

Sheryl McNair

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Send applications SOON to Sue Kirkendall, 494 Edgewater Road, Pasadena, MD 21122. We look forward to a warm and sunny two weeks of Junior Training as we shovel and pump-out from our February storms. Please contact Sue Kirkendall 410-437-3630 (smkirkendall@cs.com) or Dave Blanch 410-437-2213 (dblanch259@aol.com) for further information.

Dave Blanch and Sue Kirkendall



Commodore Alan Kirkendall

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COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

I like snow as much as the next person, but this last "weather event" was really unnecessary. Instead of making positive progress to get the boats ready for next season, our time was spent shoveling snow from cars, driveways, sidewalks and off the decks on the boats. Spring has got to be here soon!!

Luckily the weather has not stopped the MRSA planning activities from taking place. The cruise Planning Party was held on Feb 8th. Unfortunately I was not able to attend, however my sources tell me that cruise leaders have been signed up for all except one cruise on July 4th. There will be 2 other longer cruises taking place that weekend and I hope a leader can be found for those that won't be able to go on an extended cruise.

The Race planning meeting was held on the 20th at Ledo's Pizza in Severna Park and Chris Lindsay and Bob Seay will be reporting on the outcome. All committee chairpersons have been working very hard to make plans for the upcoming season so these plans can be provided in the "2003 Red Book". Peggy Poe, the Red Book editor reports that the schedule for getting the Red Book completed by the March Brunch is tight, however she is working very hard to make it happen. Thanks Peggy, and to everyone who is involved in making the Red Book!!

Speaking of the March Brunch, Sheryl McNair has been able to come up with a very interesting speaker for this event and is providing the details in another article. The brunch will take place on March 16th at the "Windows on the Bay Restaurant" at White Rocks Marina. The food is always great at this restaurant, the location provides an excellent water view of Rock Creek and I believe the speaker will be outstanding. Please make plans to attend!

I look forward to seeing everyone at the March Brunch.

Al Kirkendall

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

At the February Board of Governors three membership applications were approved. Everyone please welcome the following new members;

Travis Warren and Kimberly Bell reside at 1016 Old Westminister Road, Westminister, MD 21157. They can be reached at (410) 871-0190. This couple has a Pearson 30 named "Prozac" that is kept at the Gibson Island Marina. Travis and Kimberly are relatively new to sailing but are enthusiastic and interested in both cruising and racing.

Andy and Nancy Bassler are not really new members to MRSA but old members that have returned. Andy and Nancy have been active in sailing for the last 30 years and now own a Chance 32 named "Frolic", which is kept at their home at 461 Edgewater Road in Pasadena, MD. They can be reached at (410) 255-9229. Their son Christopher is now a

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sophomore at the University of MD, College Park Andy and Nancy are both racers and cruisers.

William and Pam Murdock and their son Austin (9) and daughter Kiana (5) reside at 426 Auds Lane, Pasadena, MD. William and Pam have joined MRSA because their son Austin has fallen in love with sailing after being enrolled in the Annapolis Sailing School. They presently own an Opti and would like Austin to continue in the Junior Training Program.

Please welcome these new members into MRSA and be sure to include them in your summer sailing plans.

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: Brand new SIG-NET knotmeter and log. Still in original box. Call Jim Quinn, 410-647-2947 or E-Mail Irishsailor@comcast.net.

For Sale: 2- 12 volt gelcel East Penn batteries- size: 4D. \$150 ea. & 1- 12 volt gelcel East Penn battery- size: 27. \$95. Call Phil Haskell 301-490-9762.

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For Sale: Power Boat, '88 4Winns Sundowner 225, 22.5ft, cuddy cabin, 5.0L V8, very good condition, runs great, many new items, very well maintained, enclosed head, \$5900; Mark Walker, 410-647-2468

For Sale: "CRUISAIR", 115-volt air conditioner with hatch hood. \$400. Unique 4 ft. by 7 ft. dinghy with folding topside for low profile storage. Built in buoyancy, oars and sailing gear. \$400. Knotmeter – EMS 0 to 10 Knots, thruhull, as new. \$75. Bow anchor roller, new, large, \$99. Other marine items available, including covers, anchors, and cushions. Call Geoff 410-255-0699

For Sale: MRSA is selling 4 boats used in our junior sailing program. These 420's are complete boats, with a good set of sails and ready to go! For those familiar with the program, they are known as "Big Red", "Killer Tomato", "Muff" and "Messenger". The club is asking \$400 for each boat. Please contact John Aellen for further details at (410) 647-7782.

For Sale: Flying Scot, 19' Daysailer, 1978, hull #3235. Great Shape, 2 suits of sails & spinnaker, also trailer. \$4000. Please call Bill Hoffman at 410-647-4421

Boat 'Yard Sale': **Garmin GPS 76, \$125.** Used for one year and in very good shape. WAAS (A WAAS-capable receiver can give a position accuracy of better than three meters 95 percent of the time), internal database of buoys, nav aids, tide charts, sun and moon rise, anchor alarm, and many other features. It comes with carrying case, PC interface cable and manual. Priced at \$125. See www.garmin.com for specifications. West marine lists this at \$219.99. **Anchor Shade Umbrella, \$100.** White, a 6' x 6' cockpit umbrella, water-repellent, mildew- and fade-resistant polyester fabric top, nylon straps at the four corners that adjust between 3' and 8' with a center-support pole that adjusts between 4' and 8'. Includes carrying case. It has only been used 2 or 3 times and is in very good condition. The West Marine catalog lists this at \$199.99. <http://www.westmarine.com>. **Achilles 2-3 Person Dingy, \$250.** Red, two wood seats (one removable), two removable wooden floorboards, no rips, tears or repairs and is in good shape. Has two air chambers, attachable motor mount (we have used a 2 1/2 hp Johnson), canvas carrying case, foot pump and hoses, and 2 two-part locking oars. Go to: http://www.inflatableboats.net/achspects_html/lt2.htm for specs on the LT-2, which is a slightly smaller version of this dingy. Defender is listing the LT-2 at \$706 regular price and \$663 at the Miami boat show. **Bimini.** Full cockpit bimini, Sunscreen, Pacific Blue. Has zipper for backstay and a center view window with cloth cover for seeing the mast, four straps, cover. No frame. Four years old and good condition. Not a generic mail order but cut for a Sabre 34. Should fit most boats of similar size and design. \$150.

Please contact Jeff Fones: Email: jkfones@earthlink.net Day: 703-926-0242 Night: 301-831-1148

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RACE PLANNING MEETING WRAP-UP

It could have been cabin fever or simply the opportunity to have a beer and talk sailing with friends that inspired nearly forty sailors to wade through the knee-deep snow to attend February's Race Planning Party. We agreed upon a number of exciting changes that should improve the 2003 racing season.

At the top of the list was a unanimous vote to institute a mandatory training clinic for any skipper performing Race Committee (RC) duty this season. This aggressive approach is an attempt to address the constantly re-occurring complaint from racers about RC performance. Tom Price and Dave Prucnal have graciously "volunteered" to run the clinic. Details will be provided on the MRSA website and via general e-mailings.

The second major change agreed upon was to adopt the new RRS 26 starting sequence (USSA 2001-2004). This change will bring the racing program in-line with the CBYRA and many other clubs on the Bay. These changes will be clearly explained in the Red Book as well as being covered at the aforementioned RC clinic. (Yet another reason for everyone to attend the clinic.)

The group also voted to modify the penalty options. It's gone back and forth between the 360° and 720° penalty over the years. This year we landed somewhere in-between. With the intent

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of reducing the number of frivolous protests, it was agreed to allow a 360° alternative penalty for infractions where no boat-to-boat contact occurred. The 720° rule will be applied for any infraction involving boat-to-boat contact or any infraction occurring within the two-boatlength circle of a rounding mark.

The last major change coming out of the meeting was to combine the Hallie Rice Regatta, which has had dwindling participation in the past years, and the Frostbite series. The new regatta will run from mid October to early November, with a break to allow participation in the Harbor Cup. Rake leaves or enjoy some of the year's finest racing, your choice!

Class splits were discussed briefly, but without any information on boat numbers, follow-up discussions are required. Tentative splits will be posted in the Red Book with any changes posted in the Old Man and on the MRSA website. A number of other great ideas, like adding racing rule discussions to the Old Man and an optional Wednesday Night Race around Baltimore Light, were discussed.

All of the major topics will be covered in detail in the Red Book, so be sure to review it thoroughly this year. Thanks a bunch to all those who participated in person or electronically! Please contact Bob Seay (Race Committee Chair) or me if you have any questions. Oh yeah, the first Wednesday night race is April 23rd, so mark your calendars and pray for Spring.

Chris Lindsay- Rear Commodore



Chris Lindsay and Bob Seay entertain questions regarding new racing rules for 2003. A decision to conduct a seminar on race committee procedures was voted on and approved by those in attendance

photo by John Aellen

VIEW FROM THE SEEBÄR HELM: LONG, COLD WINTER NIGHTS

What a winter we've had in MRSA country. Besides a cozy fire and snuggling with your Best Mate, how have you been coping with the cold nights?

At our home in Carroll County, we found some good books and a new hobby to occupy the hours. My Dad read "The First American: The Life and Times of Ben Franklin", by H. W. Brands and lent us his copy. This weighty tome (749 pages) is a great read. It is written in the vernacular of the era and takes some time to get into the flow of the author's style. But if you enjoy Patrick O'Brien's Aubrey-Maturin series, you will like this book. Professor Brands researched Ben's life quite extensively and uses material from Franklin's autobiography.

As expected, many details of what is generally known about Franklin are covered – the kite, bifocals, stove, etc. Many other aspects are presented of an amazing man who lived until his mid-80s – rare for his era. One of the most interesting revelations for sailors is his study of the Gulf Stream, a mariner's guarded secret at the time. In his eight crossings of the Pond back and forth to Europe, Franklin charted this river in the ocean.

The book is available from

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Dave Prucnal (Ultra Violet) and Warren Richter (Pressure Drop) at the Race Planning Meeting discussing the health of the A Fleet and ways to get more A boats on the line on Wednesday Nights. The A fleet has had a noticeable decline in participants over the last three year.

photo by John Aellen

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Amazon.com for \$21 hardcover – \$12 for the vinyl soft cover.

For Christmas last year, our younger son gave me a kit for a 12-inch model of a Chesapeake Bay Flattie. My last attempt at model building was some 50 years ago when I fashioned a balsa airplane with tissue paper skin. This was a flying model with a rubber band the length of the body to drive the propeller. On an early flight, I wound the band too tightly and the plane collapsed on itself like an accordion into a pile of disappointment! No more model building since then.

Fortunately, this model is just for show and not expected to perform. The size of the tiny pieces and the 164-step instructions in a 42-page booklet were somewhat intimidating despite the Skill Level 1 classification. But with long winter evenings to fill, I decided to attack the project (first, I had to obtain some special tools and supplies that probably cost more than the model!). Following the instructions carefully resulted in a presentable model after some 25 hours of labor. The kit is by Midwest Products, Co. of Hobart, IN, which also has models of increasing Skill Level complexity including a skipjack. I may try that one next winter.

Seebär is resting comfortably under cold covers on Broad Creek; she's getting her transmission rebuilt over the winter. After Valentine's Day, I removed several hundred pounds of ice and snow just in time for it to pile up again from the record-breaking storm the next day. Like everyone else at MRSA, we're praying for warm weather soon.

Fair winds (and less snow),

John Hubbs

DO YOU KNOW WHAT 40+3 MEANS?

The Chesapeake chapter of the U.S. Lighthouse Society has a program called the 40+3 Club. You can become a member of the club by sighting the 40 lighthouses and 3 lightships in Maryland, Virginia and the lower portion of the Delaware that have been selected for this program.

As part of our cruising program for this year we have decided to start the search for the 40+3. This probably will not be accomplished in one season but we will be giving a prize for the person who sees and photographs the most of these lighthouses during the 2003 season.

The 40+3 Lights Are.....

M a r y l a n d:

Baltimore
 Bloody Point Bar
 Concord Point Light at Havre de Grace
 Cove Point
 Craighill Channel Range Lights (4)
 Drum Point (relocated to Calvert Marine Museum)
 Fishing Battery
 Fort Carroll
 Fort Washington
 Hooper Island
 Hooper Strait (relocated to Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum)
 Lazaretto Point (replica)
 Piney Point
 Point Lookout
 Point No Point
 Pooles Island
 Sandy Point Shoal

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Sevenfoot Knoll (relocated to Baltimore's Inner Harbor)
 Sharps Island
 Solomons Lump
 Thomas Point Shoals
 Turkey Point

V i r g i n i a:

Assateague
 Cape Charles
 Cape Henry (Old and New)
 Chesapeake Light Tower
 Jones Point
 Newport News Middle Ground
 New Point Comfort
 Old Point Comfort
 Smith Point
 Thimble Shoal
 Wolf Trap

D e l a w a r e:

Fenwick Island
 Harbor of Refuge
 Lewis Breakwater

L i g h t s h i p s:

Chesapeake in Maryland
 Portsmouth in Virginia
 Overfalls in Delaware

Rich Hughes



The Winter Planning Party Special Cake with the Commodore's Sailboat and Andy's Dinghy!



Andrew and Nancy Bassler Arrive with Appropriate Outerwear

Above photos by Al Kirkendall



John and Debbie Lund with Mark and Marty Walker in the Middle

photo by Sheryl McNair



Cruise Leaders for 2003 Receive Gift Toolboxes, Courtesy of Boat U.S.

photo by Al Kirkendall

ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL WINTER PLANNING PARTY

Even with the cold weather and snow on the ground it was warm inside Belvedere Yacht Club for the Winter Cruise Planning Party. Everyone was having such a good time and was so engrossed in conversation that we didn't get to start the buffet line until almost 8 p.m. Then we filled our plates over-flowing with a large variety of delicious food supplied by those attending.

As the evening went on the slots for cruise leaders slowly became filled. Thanks to the work of the pre-planning committee, there was a variety of old favorites and new and interesting destinations for the coming season. Rich Hughes had come up with a great addition to our summer cruising and we will be including the 40+3 lighthouse program in our schedule.

After announcements, each of the cruise leaders was presented with an 85-piece tool kit generously supplied by Boat US. We appreciate their support for our cruise program. The nautical flags supplied by George and Carolyn Stamps added to the festive atmosphere of the evening. George also supplied a great cake design showing the Kirkendall's boat towing Andy in the dinghy. Many thanks to all for making it a great evening and particularly to Jim & Verna Wilson and the Stamps for their help. We look forward to more participation than ever in the 2003 cruising season.

Myron and Sigrid Dorf

2003 MRSA CRUISE SCHEDULE

Date	Cruise	Target Lighthouse	Cruise Leader
26 – 27 April	Shakedown Cruise – Broad Creek – Magothy	Little Island Lighthouse (Practice)	Sheryl and Wes McNair
10 – 11 May	New Member Cruise - Eagle Cove – Magothy	Baltimore Light	Nancy and Andy Bassler
24 – 26 May	Memorial Day Cruise Wye River/St. Michaels	Bloody Point Light	Elaine and Phil Haskell
7 – 8 June	Round Bay – Severn River		Debbie and Charlie Deigert
21 – 22 June	West River – Galesville	Thomas Point Light	Debbie and John Lund
4 – 6 July	Forth of July Cruise - Choptank	Sharps Island Light	Judy and Bill Webster
6 – 18 July	Chesapeake Two Week Cruise	Point Lookout Light	Sue, Al and Andy Kirkendall
26 – 27 July	Corsica River Race and Cruise	Baltimore Light	Toni and Rich Hughes
9 – 10 August	Cruise to Doug's - Langford Creek . .	Baltimore Light	Sue and Fred Betz
30 Aug. 1 Sept.	Labor Day Cruise - Havre de Grace		Caroline and George Stamps
13 – 14 Sept.	Baltimore	Chesapeake Lightship	Mullarky's
27 – 28 Sept.	Blues Music on the Beach Cruise – Spaniard Neck	Baltimore Light	Kate and Jeff Fones
4 – 5 Oct.	Whitehall Creek . .	Sandy Point Light	Jill and Jim McCutchan
18 – 19 Oct.	Goose Cruise - Grays Inn Creek . .	Baltimore Light	Dee and Tony Torres
1 – 2 Nov.	Frostbite Cruise - . Cheshire Crab		Lewis Neisner

THE MARCH/APRIL 2003 CALENDAR, PLUS AND MINUS

- 3/3 BOG Meeting at Kirkendall's
3/16 March Brunch, Windows on
the Bay, 11:00 AM
3/23 Deadline for the April Old Man
4/3 General Membership Meeting,
Bella Napoli Restaurant 6:30 PM
4/7 BOG Meeting at Kirkendall's
4/23 First Wednesday Night Race !!
4/26/27 Shakedown Cruise, Broad
Creek, Magothy River

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classified ad is no longer needed.

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SEASCAPES THROUGH TIME

The April membership meeting will be held April 3rd, at Bella Napoli Restaurant, 350 Mountain Road, Pasadena, Maryland in Mountain Marketplace Shopping Center. From Route 100, east, take exit 16B (Ritchie Hwy, North), and turn right on Mountain Road. Go about 3 miles, and shopping center is on the left. Gathering time is 6:30 p.m., with dinner at 6:45 p.m. The arrangements include all-you-can-eat pizza, and soft drinks/coffee/tea, for \$12 per person. Alcoholic beverages and desserts will be additional, and charged to each member.

MRSA members and guests should mark their calendars for this event, which will feature MRSA member Nancy Burmeister. Nancy, with a Ph.D. from both Harvard and Boston University, is currently a staff Art Historian and lecturer at the Corcoran Gallery of Art, and has been a distinguished guest lecturer at the Smithsonian Institution. For the past several years, she has escorted students through the art of Rome, Florence, Mantua and Milan, on-site. For MRSA members and guests, she will present slides of famous seascapes, and amaze and enthrall us with her interpretations of the artists' renderings. She will trace the maritime narrative through history, and her emphasis will be on both the interesting evolution of types of ships as seen in these paintings, as well as the iconography of the work of art.

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