

THE OLD MAN

EILEEN QUINN CON- CERT SURVIVES TROPICAL STORM AND OCTOBER ONSET

After Tropical Storm Isabel forced postponement of the Sept. 19th Eileen Quinn concert at North Shore Beach, there was a mad scramble for an alternative date, and meeting place. The North Shore Beach was a muddy morass, and Patapsco Sailing Association (PSA) agreed to a joint concert at their facility on Black Hole Creek. Approximately 40 people attended the October 3rd concert, braving the unexpectedly chilly October weather for the evening performance. At least 6, and possibly more, were PSA members. The MRSA members enjoyed exploring the delightful surroundings and ambience of the PSA clubhouse. We were delighted both with the clubhouse,

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ODYSSEUS' TRAVELS

At the November 6th meeting, we will learn about the travels of Odysseus. The scene for this gathering is Romano's Restaurant, located at 6905 Ritchie Highway in Glen Burnie. Dinner will be a buffet, featuring beef with broccoli, lasagna, and chicken teriyaki, 2 vegetables, salad, dessert, coffee and tea and a cash bar, at 6:30. The cost is \$21 per person, payable by November 2nd. After this date, the cost will be \$25 per person. As usual, members are welcome to bring guests.

This presentation had been planned for inclusion in the April meeting, but was eliminated due to time constraints. Those who missed the April meeting will still enjoy this presentation, since the material covered will be new to all of us. Dr. Nancy Burmeister enjoys her subjects, and her enthusiasm carries through to her listeners. 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. Sadly, we will not be able to partake of those tours at this time, but will have to be satisfied with an Italian-American restaurant in beautiful downtown Glen Burnie.

The restaurant is located north of the Furnace Branch Road/Rt. 2 intersection, on Rt. 2. More detailed directions are available at their website, www.romanosdining.com. For a brief tutorial on Odysseus, try the website www.mythweb.com/odyssey. The pictures are fun, and each book is covered in 1 or 2 paragraphs.

Please notify and pay Sheryl McNair, at 410-437-8998, email sammcnair@yahoo.com, snail mail to 384 Eagle Hill Road, Pasadena, Maryland 21122. Make checks payable to MRSA. Since the restaurant requires a minimum of 25 people, please make every attempt to attend this meeting. Hopefully, all the prospective officers will be available for members to meet at the November meeting.

Sheryl McNair

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Commodore Alan Kirkendall

photo by Fred Betz

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COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

The temperature is dropping, the leaves are beginning to drop, and the 2003 sailing season is coming to a close. Flying Low has been winterized and will soon be pulled and blocked at its winter resting place. Plans are being made to fix everything that broke or didn't work quite right, upgrade projects as well as the normal cleaning, waxing and bottom painting. Hopefully it will be a mild and short winter!!!

During October, Bay and River Racing continued, Eileen Quinn performed at PSA and two cruises were held. I really enjoyed hearing Eileen Quinn sing, as I am sure everyone that attended did. Thanks Sheryl for making the arrangements for this meeting twice and making it happen! Also, I need to thank PSA for allowing us to use their facilities.

I was not able to attend the Whitehall Cruise, but understand all had a good time. Thanks Jim and Jill for leading this cruise. Also thanks to the crew that moved the JR Training fleet back to the storage area, with a special thanks to Wes, Sheryl Jay and John.

As of this writing the Goose Cruise hasn't happened yet, but is scheduled for Oct 18-10. This is always a fun filled event. Thanks Toni and Dee for again leading this cruise.

For November I am looking forward to the Frostbite cruise on Nov 1-2 and the General Membership Meeting on Nov 6th. For more information about these events, please read on in this edition of *The Old Man* or contact Lewis Neisner or Sheryl McNair for the details. I look forward to meeting everyone again at these events.

Remember, be safe out there!

Al Kirkendall



A Little Extra Water from Isabel . Looking at Cornfield Creek from Mir Bur Community Park and at the Mil Bur Marina. Lots of Boats.... No Piers!

photo by Myron Dorf

CLASSIFIED ADS

For sale: Spinnaker pole from 32 ft sail boat. 3" diameter 137.5" long. West Marine sells a similar pole as a kit for \$564. This one is all set up for \$175. Call Myron Dorf, 410-255-8330.

For Sale: Mercury 3.3 outboard motor. (LIKE NEW) 2 cycle engine, very little use. \$500. Call Charlie Deigert at 410-239-8470 or E-Mail at Deigert2@msn.com

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, \$6900; Mark Walker, 410-647-2468

For Sale: – 2002 9.9 HP Mercury Longshaft outboard. Used only several times. Owner moving to Florida – must sell. \$1300. Contact Jim McCutchan at (410) 360-1163.

For Sale: CAL 25, fully equipped for cruising; sleeps 4; 4 sails incl. radial head spinnaker & gear; 8 hp Yamaha o.b. w/elect. start; bottom painted late July; \$4,500 delivered. Call Dick Ober, 410-321-5772

For Sale: '85 Wavelength 24- *Ghost Dancer*- Recent CBYRA High Point and Magothy Cup winner with great race record yet still family friendly. Great boat with many sails, new Tacktick compass, 5 HP Nissan outboard, new halyards. \$6500 Contact Chris Lindsay, 410-439-8832 or Clind13290@aol.com for info.

MOST CANDIDATES FOR THE 2004 BOARD OF GOVERNORS HAVE BEEN SELECTED

The nominating committee has selected most Candidates for the 2004 Board of Governors. These candidates will be approved by the general membership at the December General Membership meeting. We still have some vacancies to fill, and hope to complete the list soon and send the revised list out by email. If you have an interest in helping out the club for the vacant positions please do not hesitate to let me or Sheryl McNair know. I want to thank the nominating committee and the MRSA members who are willing to give up their time to lead MRSA for the upcoming years. The candidates are as follows:

Commodore -----	Sheryl McNair
Vice Commodore -----	Jill McCutchan
Rear Commodore -----	TBD
Fleet Captain Cruising -----	Loura Bonham
Fleet Captains Junior Training -----	TBD
Secretary -----	Kathy Dougan
Treasurer -----	Jim McCutchan
Race Committee Chairperson -----	TBD

Al Kirkendall

DECEMBER WINE AND CHEESE PARTY

Although some might accuse us of getting BOGged down in the same routines, few will want to miss the annual December Wine and Cheese Party, scheduled for Belvedere Yacht Club on December 4th at 6:30 PM. Following our grand old traditions, members are asked to bring a bottle of wine (or other libation), and cheese and crackers (or other hors d'oeuvre), and we will make merry greeting other members and rehashing the summer sailing season.

The short business meeting will include election of next year's officers. The more, the merrier— all members, particularly nominees should make every effort to attend. The party sets the stage for the next year's events, including approving next year's budget, if it's available.

Directions to Belvedere Yacht Club: Turn onto College Parkway from MD Rte. 2, Ritchie Highway. Turn left on Jones Station Road, and left again on Alameda Parkway. Continue to the end of Alameda, and find Belvedere Yacht Club on the right. From College Parkway headed east, turn right on Jones Station Road and right on Alameda Pkwy, then as above.

The point of contact for this event is Sheryl McNair. Reservations are NOT necessary, but she'll be happy to hear from you at 410-437-8998 or email at sammcnair@yahoo.com, if you have any questions, or just want to let her know your plans.

Sheryl McNair

2003 GOOSE CRUISE (INCLUDING THE MRSA LIST OF SIX STAGES OF DRUNKENNESS)

The annual MRSA Goose Cruise on October 11th and 12th gathered in Grays Inn Creek after a memorable sail from the Magothy across the Bay and up the Chester River. Most mid-day sailors were treated to a wing on wing sail from Love Point almost to daymark G-9. Arriving first, or at least first to get the anchor down at the destination was *Spar Trek*, with Marianne and Dick Kammann. Flanking *Spar Trek* in no particular order were *Light Spray*, with Sigrid and Myron Dorf, *Fantastic*, with only Toni and Rich Hughes, *L'Chayim*, with Sandy and Harvey Paskin, Shirley and Philippe Masiee aboard *Corret*, *JAZZ* with Beth Vanfossen and Lewis Neisner, *Elan* with Fred Betz, (Where's Sue??), and *Aura* with Kate and Jeff Fones aboard. As darkness approached, the larger than life *El*

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"CORRECTION " Last Month's Photo of Vanir
by Al/Holly Picardi

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Toro Gordo arrived carrying the precious cargo daquiris along with Tony Torres (where's Dee?) and Tania and Joe Attanasio. The crew of *El Toro Gordo* were only allowed to join the rest of the MRSA sailors aboard *Spar Trek* after bringing liquid bribes.... In exchange for food, of course! The sun had made a picturesque farewell, and another boat shape appeared headed toward the raft. Sensing the dead silence of the Tartan group, the shape proceeded toward the sounds of merriment, and then appeared *Magic Dragon* with Diane and Joe Jackins, unusually early for the 2004 Goose Cruise.

Beth Vanfossen announced that she really liked all the MRSA sailors, (or words to that effect), and then pronounced that she must be at stage 3 on the scale of inebration. Only much later, the next day or so, did the full full scale of intoxication become apparent. As applied to the 2003 Goose Cruise, the full picture follows:

Stage 1: (Pre-Hors d'oeuvres): Running aground and/or joining Tartan cruisers before finding MRSA raft up. This was most confusing to those of us that got off to a late start. Approaching the anchorage you assumed that there would be only one raft. A preview of what was to come.

Stage 2: (Warm-up): Drinking own booze for 2-3 hours while waiting for Tony to arrive.

a. Chatter: Improvements to boat since last cruise; Tartan raft not having any fun; food; plans for the evening; better pass the word and RSVP to Lewis Neisner for the Nov. 1 Cruise to the Cheshire Crab; what a perfect sailing day it was; where is the eagle? Where is Tony?

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MRSA Goose Cruisers, Easily at Stage 2

photo by Beth Vanfossen

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Stage 3: (Affection) Liking all your fellow MRSA cruisers.

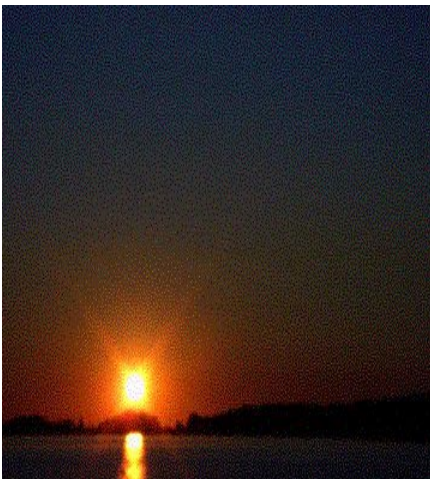
a. Chatter: Great food; everyone's boat looks spiffy; lets watch Harvey's favorite web sites.

Stage 4: (Intervention) Switching to Tony's Rum Daiquiris when he finally arrives. Applauding and Great Cheer at the arrival of Joe and Diane Jackins. Note that the switch to Rum Daiquiris occurred before the late arrival.

Stage 5: (Aggression) not really liking most of your fellow MRSA cruisers. Not liking the Tartan Group either.

a. Chatter: Wanting to join the Miles River Yacht Club; thinking of trading in your sailboat for a trawler; regret at not buying new sailboat at Annapolis Boat Show. Lewis wins for having the best Hawaiian shirt, what else but a bottle of Bacardi Gold. Four gallons of Daiquiris consumed, much fun, no food is left.

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Goose Cruise Sundown
photo by Tony Torres



Have We Reached Stage 3 Yet??

photo by Beth Vanfossen

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Stage 6: (Diminished Faculties) someone said Debauchery: Better quit for the night.

a. Endgame: Raft dispersal — when finally dropping anchor, almost going in with it. Weather front moves in, several dragged anchor.

All had a good time; I want to thank everyone for making the effort knowing that bad weather was in the forecast for Sunday. Joe and Tania Attanasio had a fun time; I hope we did not scare them off. With southwest winds on Sunday, turning to the northwest, it was a tacking beat down the Chester and still beating up toward Love Point. For REAL sailors, going west across the Bay may have been a kick, for other cruisers, it was time to deploy the iron jib!

Thank you to Beth for your contributions and wisdom for this article. Looking forward to seeing all of you at the Cheshire Crab on Saturday, November 1st.

Oh, and by the way, at 11:15AM Sunday the eagle made its appearance.

Tony Torres

**WINE AND CHEESE PARTY AND
MRSA OFFICER ELECTIONS DECEMBER 4, 2003**

CRUISE TO WHITEHALL CREEK

This year's Whitehall cruise was held on October 4th & 5th. We were able to sail from the Magothy to abeam Sandy Point light until southwest winds forced us to motor the rest of the way. Small craft advisories and a three-foot swell on the Bay south of the Bay Bridge made the relative calm of Ridout Creek a welcome sight.

Our raft party consisted of Rich and Toni Hughes on *Fantastic*, Phil and Elaine Haskell (and Higgins) on *My Fair Lady* and ourselves on *Great Escape*. Rich and Toni had as guests Betty and Gerry Johnson from Portland Maine, as well as their son Kevin Hughes and friend Ashley Clayton. After drifting several times using Rich's hook, Phil finally took matters into his own hands and added his anchor to the deployment and no further raft movement took place. After enjoying hour's deouvers and cocktails we were delighted to see Fred Betz single-handing his way toward us in *Elan*.

We enjoyed a pleasant evening of fellowship, being joined from land by Dave and Laura Ellerbrake and Steve Gardner for the evening's events. A squall line passed through about 8 PM which dropped a few sprinkles on us but the winds calmed for the remainder of the evening.

We awoke to a deceptively peaceful morning and took a

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leisurely breakfast before heading home. At the Bay Bridge, it became obvious that the forecast of ten-knot winds was cruelly conservative and the Magothy was a sea of whitecaps. Naturally, the wind was coming right down from the mouth of the river so we cranked up the Atomic "Bomb" and scooted in to Cornfield Creek.

Thanks to all who participated in this year's cruise. Jill and myself very much enjoyed the weekend.

Jim McCutchan

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the amiability of the PSA members, and the generosity of PSA for allowing us to share their facility for the evening.

MRSA members warmly welcomed Eileen Quinn, accompanied by her husband, David Allester. She explained that she usually does these concerts barefoot and on the beach, and her body was not used to such chilly weather. Despite the cold, her fingers were sure on her guitar, and her voice was outstanding. Any who have listened to her CDs will understand that her musical performance alone was very entertaining. However, the CDs don't capture the humor she imbues in her stories between the songs, or the wonderful dance her husband performed for the Anchoing Dance song. The crowd "danced" along with him (in their seats), but he was the dancer out in front!

Her songs had something for everyone—when she sang her song "Come Back, Dinghy", I was soundly reminded of the recent loss (and recapture) of our dinghy at the Corsica River Race/Cruise in July. Most everyone there had probably experienced some aspect of the "Anchoing Dance". I'm told that "If I Killed the Captain" was reminiscent of some crews' experiences, also. Several of her songs also encouraged us to sing along for some of the choruses—regardless of our singing abilities. Her website, eileenquinn.com provides a more complete listing of her music, and available CDs.



Eileen Quinn Sings "Bluewater" at the Potapscot Sailing Association Clubhouse

Sheryl McNair

photo by David Allester

Please contact the editor at febetz@toad.net when your classified ad is no longer needed. THANKS !!

WINTER SEASON RACING MAINTENANCE

To best prepare yourself for the sailing season try these quick exercises:

1. Buy a case of beer, sit with it in a very warm place for a few hours, then drink it.
2. Apply sunscreen to your face in streaks and sit in front of a sun lamp for 2 hours.
3. Sit on a bench with large metal fixtures cutting into your legs, stare straight up into the sun for two hours - for a more robust workout: invite 4 friends to come over and yell at you the whole time.
4. Go out and get very drunk, sleep 4 hours, then stand on a rocking chair for 6 hours.
5. Go to bank and withdraw \$1,000 - then light it on fire.
6. Sit in front of a commercial fan and have someone throw large buckets of salt water on you.
7. Repeat number 6 in jeans and a sweatshirt and /or repeat number 6 with head turned sideways to ensure water lodging fully into ear drum.
8. Cut limb off nearby tree, tie ropes to it, stand on rocking chair with tree limb and ropes - hold them over your head for 3 hours.. at 5 minute intervals drop on your head - more robust version: have friends yell at you in 6 minute intervals.
9. Set your wrist watch to 5-minute repeating counts ... let it go off all day long.
10. Pour cold water in your lap and give yourself a wedgie, now alternate between sitting and running around bent over.

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MRSA Frostbite Races

Races 1 through 4 Standings - 4 races scored

Division: PHRF N (4 boats)

Position	Bow/Sail	Boat	Skipper	Series 1 Points	Series 2 Points	Series 3 Points	Series 4 Points
1	32694	Endless Summer	Alan Weiss	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
2	83053	Great Escape	Jim McCutchan	5.0	5.0	2.0	2.0
3	93283	Fun	David McCollough	2.0	5.0	5.0	5.0
4	52	Seebar	John Hubbs	3.0	5.0	5.0	5.0

Division: PHRF S (4 boats)

Position	Bow/Sail	Boat	Skipper	Series 1 Points	Series 2 Points	Series 3 Points	Series 4 Points
1	83052	Boreas	Mike Mullarky	1.0	1.0	1.0	2.0
2	53011	Encounter	Drew Dowling	2.0	2.0	2.0	1.0
3	93255	La Mia Stella	Antoine Deux	3.0	3.0	5.0	5.0
4	83350	Incummunicado	Tim Polk	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0

Information is provisional and subject to modification

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11. Tie ropes between 2 trees - push your body against them as hard as you can for 6 consecutive hours - don't stop for pain or bruising.
12. Place sandpaper on your stairs, crawl up and down on your knees for several hours.
13. Make 12 sandwiches on white bread with bad meat and cram them into a bread bag - eat one a day for 12 consecutive days... make sure the last one is peanut butter and jelly if preparing for Race Week.
14. Tie ropes to rear bumper of friend's car, hold on tightly, but allow rope to slip through fingers as car drives away - TIP: works best with nylon fiber ropes, lengths in excess of 50'.
15. Upon completion of previous 14 drills - sit down and drink 14 Mt. Gay rum drinks, any flavor.

Anonymous



The Trophy Party for Wednesday Night Racing was held at the Whitehurst Clubhouse on October 7th. Approximately 125 racers attended. Overall Winners are shown above, from left to right, NS1: Collin Mackensie, B: Tim Polk, NS2: Charlie Hutchinson, C: Dan Pendergast with his children, Cor: Joe Berchielli, and D: Ted Alfriend. Missing Winners in PHRF A are Dave and Donna Prucnal.

photo by Bob Seay

THE NOVEMBER 2003 CALENDAR, PLUS AND MINUS

11/1, 11/8, and 11/15 Hallie Rice
Frostbite Races Continue

11/1 - 11/2 Frostbite Cruise - Cruise
to Cheshire Crab, Bodkin Creek

11/3 BOG Meeting at Kirkendall's

11/6 Dr. Nancy Burmeister, Travels
of Odysseus, Membership
Meeting, Dinner at 6:30 PM,
Romano's Restaurant

11/23 Deadline for the December
Edition of **The Old Man**

12/4 Wine and Cheese Party, MRSA
Officer Elections, Membership
Meeting, 6:30 PM at Belvedere
Yacht Club

12/13 Parade of Lighted Boats,
Annapolis Harbor and Marriott

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DON'T FORGET !! CRUISE TO THE CHESHIRE CRAB – NOV. 1-2

The cruise to Cheshire Crab at the Pleasure Cove Marina, (formerly the Cruise to Buddy's) will take place this year Nov. 1-2. Come by either car or boat for dinner at 6:30 or earlier to enjoy a drink or two at the bar. **Please notify Lewis Neisner, cruise leader, by Oct. 27 if you plan to attend.** 410-647-0694 or lneisner@rhsmith.umd.edu.

Directions by car: Take Rt. 100 to Magothy Bridge Rd. Turn north on Magothy Bridge Rd. The road changes name to Hog Neck Rd. as you cross Mountain Rd. (Rt. 177). Follow Hog Neck to the end and turn right on Fort Smallwood Rd. (Rt. 173). Turn right on Bayside Beach Rd., then right on Belhaven Ave. and left on Poplar Ridge Rd. Follow the signs to the restaurant and marina, 1701 Poplar Ridge Rd.

Directions by boat: Carefully follow the marks across Bodkin Shoal to the entrance of Bodkin Creek. Follow the daymarks to the south branch of the creek and around Spit Point. There are no transient slips, but you're welcome to tie up to the pier or anchor out and call for the marina's water taxi on channel 69 or phone 410-437-6600 (marina) or 410-360-2220 (restaurant).

Lewis Neisner

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