

THE OLD MAN

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE MAGOTHY RIVER SAILING ASSOCIATION

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RACE PLANNING MEETING

The Magothy River Sailing Association will conduct its "Race Planning Meeting" for the upcoming season on Wednesday, February 11th at 6:30 PM at Ledo's Pizza in Severna Park.

Anyone interested in finding out what racing on the Magothy is all about is welcome. Pizza and beverages will be provided to all who attend compliments of MRSA.

Topics open for discussion include; class splits, rule changes, RC training, race schedule, social events, and anything else to help make the MRSA 2004 Wednesday Evening Series, weekend regattas, and Frostbite Series the best ever. MRSA's Wednesday night racing generally has over 70 registered boats racing in seven different classes. There is also a

Racing continued next column

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MARCH BRUNCH

Mark your calendars NOW for the March 7th brunch to be held at Windows-On-The-Bay. This is always a favorite MRSA event as we shake off the winter doldrums and finally become convinced that, yes, our part of the Earth is actually tipping back toward the sun and that temperatures really are rising and days are becoming longer (not to mention that we have not done nearly as much as we should have by this point on our winter repairs).

The brunch will begin at 11:30 A.M. and will feature what can only be called a "World Class" menu consisting of bacon, sausage, hashbrowns, scrambled eggs, Eggs Benedict, French Toast, Rotini Pasta Primavera, grilled and blackened chicken breast, stuffed flounder (flounder fillets stuffed with jumbo lump crabmeat and topped with a lemon dill butter sauce), Windows Caesar Salad, and assorted fruits and breads. Note that you can still stay on your Atkins diet by picking appropriate items from this selection while still enjoying the festivities. A cash bar will be available for your enjoyment.

Our speaker will have an interesting one and one-half hour presentation on the importance of keeping fasteners (i.e. nuts and bolts) tight on marine engines (just kidding – we'll have a good speaker). Your investment for this event is only \$22.00 per person. Contact Jill McCutchan at (410) 360-1163 to reserve a spot at this price by March 1st. Reservations received after this date will cost \$25 per person.

Windows-on-the-Bay is located on Colony Road and abuts Rock Creek. Head toward Fort Smallwood on Fort Smallwood road for several miles past the intersection with Hog Neck Road and turn left on Colony Drive to reach Windows.

Jim McCutchan

Racing continued from previous column

"Corinthian" class for beginning skippers and crews who would like to get a little experience prior to moving into one of the competitive spinnaker or non-spin fleets. For more information contact Bob Seay at 410-647-6350 or email to bobseay1@comcast.net.

Bob Seay



Commodore Sheryl McNair

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COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

Wow, it's already February! This winter must be flying by. Certainly, we've had no lack of wind this winter. Too bad we don't have any iceboats. Bet we'd really go fast. On that subject, going fast, sometimes known as racing, and another subject, going slow, sometimes known as cruising...

Just kidding, I know racers can go extremely slow without that iron genny, and cruisers can go very fast. I mentioned last month that I wanted to encourage more participation at MRSA events. I know that some of us can handle more crew than we have on our boats, and others of us are lacking in boats. I'd like to get members to invite other MRSA members to race or cruise with them. Although we don't have a physical clubhouse, we do have our website, and *The Old Man*. We'd like to use the classified section of *The Old Man*, and set up a bulletin board, of sorts, on the website, for members to post their availabilities and/or crew needs. This would enable more people to participate in both races and cruises, and thereby create more fun for all of us.

On another subject, at this point we still need a Race Committee Chair, and a new Rear Commodore. Even if you can't serve for either of these positions, if you think you could provide help and guidance to someone else, please let me know. Perhaps we can create some type of partnership, and get some members who are willing to help, but don't feel they have the knowledge to do so.

Speaking of volunteering, we are trying to work something out with PSA to allow junior sailors to race weekly during the summer. If anyone is interested in pursuing that, please let me or Rich Hughes or Sue Kirkendall or John Taylor know. My phone and email has been distressingly silent lately.

I have mentioned that I'd like to see everyone bring at least one guest to at least one event. Your next opportunity do so is February 7th, at our Winter Planning Party. This was previously known as the Cruise Planning Party, since we line up cruise leaders for the summer, but we changed the name so that everyone in the club would feel welcome. So, while we won't be officially planning any races, or junior training, there will be plenty of unofficial discussions on a wide variety of topics—something for everyone.

I hope everyone is enjoying our cold weather, blue skies, and icy ponds. If not, remember we have lots of sailing events planned, just around the weather corner.

Sheryl McNair

IF YOU HAVE FORGOTTEN.... PLEASE RENEW YOUR MRSA MEMBERSHIP NOW !

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.

For Sale: LASER 28 Farr designed, Kevlar hull and deck, 10hp Bukh diesel. The Laser 28 is a truly fast and fun boat to race, and a very satisfactory weekender for the fam. "Hyder Ally" is slightly modified with jumpers, flicker and fat head mainsail. Consistant winner in PHRF or MORC on the Chesapeake. Asking \$18,000. Contact Tom Price (410) 437-5897 email tprice@usna.edu

For Sale: Perfect boy's boat - 12' alum. "Landau" Jon boat with trailer. Excellent, low use Yamaha 5hp motor, 2 seats, fishfinder, rod holders, anchor, gas tank. A whole package for the young fisherman on the Magothy! \$1,000. Tom Price, 410 437-5897 or email at tprice@usna.edu

Racing Crew Wanted: Racers !! If you need crew for the coming season, email *The Old Man* with your name, boat name and crew needs!

Race Crew Available: If you are available to crew with a racer, email *The Old Man* with you name and availability!

Cruising Crew Wanted: Cruisers !! If you would be willing to take along an MRSA single or couple for a cruise, email *The Old Man!*

Cruising Crew Available: If you would like to crew with another MRSA cruiser this season, email *The Old Man !!*

Please contact the editor, febetz@toad.net in response to the above ads, to place an ad, and when your classified ad is no longer needed.

COME ONE, COME ALL

CRUISING PLANNING/POTLUCK DINNER

Reminder: Sat., Feb. 7, at 6:00 p.m., Belvedere Yacht Club, Alameda Pkwy, Arnold, MD. We will be discussing the new cruise schedule for the upcoming sailing season and attempting to fill the slots open with volunteer cruise leaders.

Please plan to attend to discuss the new sailing season's cruising schedule and to enjoy a sumptuous potluck dinner. Those with last names beginning with A-M, please bring salad or side dish. Those with last names N-Z, please bring an entrée. Drinks and dessert provided by MRSA.

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

Families with children, who would be interested in enjoying board games and/or a movie with other youth, please RSVP to me so we can plan accordingly. LDBonham@aol.com or 4310-439-0507.

Laura Bonham

THE STATE OF THE MAGOTHY RIVER: A CALL FOR VOLUN- TEERS

The Magothy River Association presents the 3rd annual "State of the Magothy" public presentation. Discussion will center on the work of the Magothy River Association in 2003 and plans for 2004.

Are you interested in clean water, healthy fish, living oyster reefs, and limiting suburban effects on the Magothy? Come and see how you can help! Get a free Magothy River watershed map showing names of creeks and coves, suitable for framing.

Date: February 18, 2004

Place:

Anne Arundel Community College,
Florestano Allied Health Building, (West campus), Room 101
Arnold, MD

Directions at [http://
www.aacc.cc.md.us/ccrmp2.html](http://www.aacc.cc.md.us/ccrmp2.html)

Time: 7:00 PM

Refreshments served

For information call:

Paul Spadaro, President of
Magothy River Association,
410.647.8772, or e-mail
president@magothyriver.org

web page =
www.magothyriver.org

MAGOTHY RIVER SAILING ASSOCIATION CONTINUES SEARCH FOR THE 40+3

As part of our cruising program for this year, MRSA has voted to continue our search for the 40+3. The Chesapeake Chapter of the US Lighthouse Society sponsors the 40+3 Club. Anyone is eligible to become a member of the club by sighting the 40 lighthouses and 3 lightships located in Maryland, Virginia, and the lower portion of the Delaware that have been selected for this program.

Our members may not accomplish this in our second season, but we will be giving a prize for the person who sees and photographs the most of these lighthouses during the 2004 cruising season. Photos will be displayed at our annual Cruise Planning Potluck dinner meeting.

For information on MRSA go to <http://mrsa.sailnet.com>

For information on the 40+3 Club go to [www.cheslights.org/
40+3club.htm](http://www.cheslights.org/40+3club.htm)

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)

Lighthouses continued from previous column

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
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

Lighthouses continued next column

Laura Bonham

JUDY MULLARKY'S OATMEAL CHOCOLATE CHIP COOKIES

A bunch of MRSA members have asked for my Mom's famous chocolate chip cookie recipe, and we've decided to release it.

Mike Mullarky

OATMEAL CHOCOLATE CHIP COOKIES

Cream together until fluffy:

1 cup butter (1/2 lb)

1 cup light brown sugar (1/2 box)

1 cup granulated sugar

Add and beat until light and fluffy:

2 large eggs

1 teaspoon vanilla (or black walnut flavoring)

Mix together and stir in:

2 cups flour

1/2 teaspoon baking powder

1 teaspoon baking soda

1/2 teaspoon salt

Add and stir in:

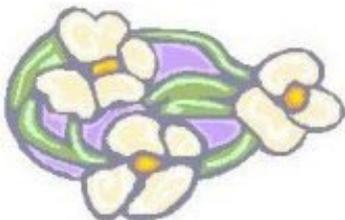
2 cups quick oats

2+ cups chocolate chips

1+ cup nuts (if desired; pecans and black walnuts work great)

Bake at 325 to 350 about 15 minutes on buttered baking sheet

Judy Mullarky



SAFETY AT SEA SEMINAR

The 20th annual Safety at Sea Seminar will be held in Alumni Hall at the US Naval Academy on March 27 & 28, 2004. This year's seminar will address the needs of offshore racers and cruisers as well as provide important safety tips for those whose boating interests remain much closer to home.

An expert panel of Annapolis-area sailmakers will share heavy weather strategy with seminar participants and describe how to handle thunderstorm squalls on the bay. They will also define storm sail options for those racing to Bermuda or cruising across oceans.

Bernadette and Douglas Bernon cruise with an interesting short-hop slant picking favorable weather windows to make each transit. Their focus is on the quality of the cruising experience, safety and comfort, rather than storms weathered or miles clicked off at sea, minimizing the anxiety factor associated with mother nature's surprises.

Moderators Ralph Naranjo and Chuck Hawley have assembled a team of sailors and industry experts who will address safety issues that include crew overboard recovery, liferaft deployment, maintenance of safety equipment, search and rescue options and the communications equipment that link victims and rescuers. Dr. Dan Carlin will address medical issues associated with racing and cruising and the on-the-water Saturday session will include demonstrations of crew overboard recoveries, helicopter rescues, pyrotechnic displays and fire fighting procedures.

The highlight of Saturday's session will be extensive demonstrations on the Severn River in 44-foot sail boats crewed by Naval Academy Midshipmen in the offshore sailing program. Various live man overboard recovery scenarios are demonstrated including a short-handed example. There will be a live life raft deployment and abandon ship demonstration, Coast Guard helicopter rescue, live flare comparison demonstration and a fire suppression demonstration as well. These live demonstrations show the reality of what can happen at sea and what techniques can be employed to recover safely.

Sunday's program will include small group sessions focused on topics ranging from offshore race preparation to a cruising safety forum for those planning to gunkhole the coast or cross oceans. These small group sessions will give you a chance to interact with seminar presenters and get your own specific questions answered.

A detailed agenda of the 2004 Safety at Sea seminar will be available prior to the event at www.mtam.org.

ADVANCED RESERVATIONS REQUIRED

Contact

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2004 COMMODORE'S BALL

Glitter and gold, roses and wine, amid a multitude of penguins—yes, I'm talking about how gorgeously MRSA members dress up for the Commodore's Ball. Approximately 35 couples attended the ball, and ate, drank, made merry and danced the night away. True to MRSA tradition, despite all my "no-snow" dances, snow started falling as we departed for the ball, and kept going through the night. Luckily, there was very little accumulation, and hopefully no one had any problems driving home.

Many members were so prompt arriving that they beat the commodore—who was there early! Still, programs and name cards were set out quickly, and when it was time to open the buffet lines, people were so involved in their conversations that they needed urging to grab their food. I had set a schedule beforehand, and intended to stick to it, but was thwarted by my dying watch battery. So, everything appeared to go on schedule, but at 11:00 I was very surprised that the band was packing up, even though there was still a number of guests present. Sadly, it was actually midnight—good thing I didn't have a pumpkin waiting!

Harvey was splendid, as usual, at entertaining us and moving the ceremonies along. I, and probably many others present, was astounded when Fred gave his "...thermodynamics of dissimilar metals" reply to a query from Harvey regarding brass monkeys. Was that rehearsed?

Officers present received their officer flags, and Al Kirkendall was presented with his framed Commodore flag, in appreciation of his years of hard work. Due to the generous and artistic abilities of Sue Betz, we were also able to present other hard-working members with a pretty vase of lovely roses. Thanks, Sue.

I was a little worried about whether people would like the band—it's been several years since we've had a live band, and they obviously would have a smaller repertoire of music. It seemed that my worries were needless. I received many compliments of the band, and there were more people dancing, and for more of the evening, than with a DJ. Several people looked like they had quite a workout on the dance floor! However, the band cost \$200 more than a DJ, and the \$45 tickets would have been \$65 without the MRSA subsidy. For future planning, please let me know what you think is important. Price, atmosphere, band, menu? My general attitude is that if no one cares strongly enough to provide feedback, then the officer in charge should do what they think is best. That generally works, but our attendance at this ball was down from recent years. Are people bored with Gibson Island; is the date inconvenient, do they prefer different food? The more people in attendance, the less the subsidy—so it is important to provide specific feedback, since you are paying even when you are not attending.

Sheryl McNair



*Harvey Paskin, Perennial Commodore's Ball
Master of Ceremonies with some New Jokes
photo by Fred Betz*



*Ed Poe, Perennial MRSA Membership Chair,
Introduces Guests and New Members
photo by Fred*



*Twin Sisters, (almost) Peggy Poe and Beth
Vanfossen
photo by Fred Betz, (Beth's Camera!)*



Floral Arrangements by Sue Betz Graced the Dinner Tables at the Gibson Island Club
photo by Beth Vanfossen



Music by a Real Live Band, "The Pedestrians", Encouraged Dancing



Lewis Neisner and Philippe Maisee, UH..... Dancing??



Sue Betz Checks Out One of Three Sailboats on Display at the Gibson Island Club, and Provided by Al Picardi, Standing at the Right



Members of the 2004 MRSA Board of Governors, from the left, Kathy Dougan, Secretary; Rich Hughes and Susan Kirkendall, Fleet Captains Junior Training; Laura Bonham, Fleet Captain Cruising; Jim McCutchan, Treasurer; and Sheryl McNair, Commodore. Absent, Jill McCutchan, Vice Commodore; and Bob Seay, Rear Commodore.



Carolyn and Bill Paul Enjoying the Music!

photos by Fred Betz, except as noted

THE FEBRUARY 2004 CALENDAR, PLUS AND MINUS

2/4/04 BOG, McNair's at 1900 hr.

2/7/04 Cruise Planning Party and
Pot Luck Dinner, Belvedere YC,
1800 hr.

2/11/04 Race Planning Meeting,
Ledo's Pizza, 1830 hr.

2/18/04 Magothy River Association,
"State of the Magothy",
AA Community College, 1900 hr.

3/3/04 BOG, McNair's 1900 hr.

3/7/04 March Brunch, Windows on
the Bay, 1130 hr.

3/27/04 & 3/28/04 Safety at Sea
Seminar, US Naval Academy

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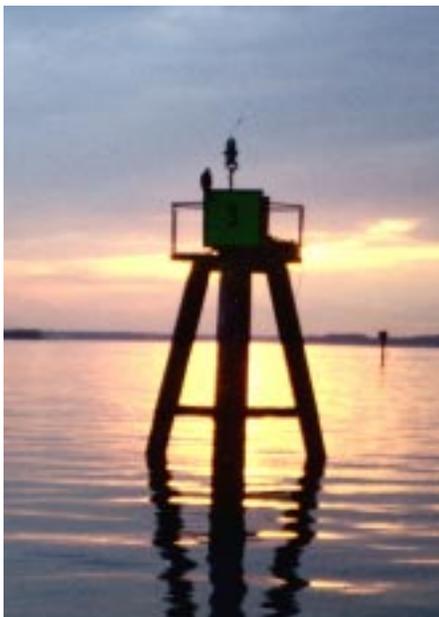


photo by Bill Paul

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL REMINDER

For those who've already paid their membership dues, skip to the next article. Otherwise, get out your checkbook, dig up the January Old Man with your personalized membership renewal page, and mail in your \$75 to MRSA, P.O. Box 1135, Pasadena, Md. 21122. If you prefer to give it to an MRSA officer, that would also be fine. If you haven't been able to locate your January Old Man, send in your check with your name, address, phone number, and email address and we'll contact you to update any membership information. The Red Book goes to print this month, and only paid members will be listed. Two-thirds of us have "paid our dues". Hopefully, for the rest, the "check is in the mail".

If, for various reasons, sickness, work/travel schedule, relocation, etcetera, you don't think you will be able to participate in club activities in 2004, you don't need to drop out of the club altogether. By paying a \$25 fee, you can maintain your membership status as an inactive member. This will allow you to receive copies of the Old Man, and attend non-subsidized club events, such as the monthly membership meetings and the cruises. It will also preclude your paying another initiation fee when your schedule allows you to rejoin the club.

Sheryl McNair

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