



THE OLD MAN

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SEASON OPENING CRUISE

Once again, our first cruise of the season will be the sock-burning cruise on Broad Creek, April 24th. We still need a ritual poem/reading for that event. I urge you and/or your children to submit any ideas or original creations you have to help us kick off the season properly. I will arrange an appropriate prize if your submission is selected. Please submit your ideas to me at sammcnair@yahoo.com or 384 Eagle Hill Road, Pasadena, Md. 21122.

More details will follow in the April *The Old Man*, but plan on attending the cruise, and start chanting “good sailing weather” for April 24th.

Sheryl McNair

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MARCH BRUNCH

This is an urgent reminder to all those interested in attending the Brunch on Sunday the 7th at 11:30 a.m. at *Window's on The Bay* that they must make reservations or send a check for \$22 a person to MRSA by March 1st! After that date, the cost will be \$25 dollars a person. When you mail in your reservation to the Treasurer, please specify that the check for the “Brunch” as there are renewals coming in also, and so the checks need to be kept separate.

We have a wonderful guest speaker, Marianne Taylor, who is very familiar with our racing/cruising area on the Magothy. She is the author of the book, “My River Speaks”. She has lived along the banks of the Magothy River for 30 years and has devoted years searching archival and anecdotal information on the history, geography and lore. The one “forgotten river” of the Chesapeake Bay now speaks. Please come and be a part of this exciting experience. If you are like me and you are not originally from Maryland, but may be from upstate NY, or elsewhere. I have now lived along the Magothy River for about 25 years and I don't know anymore now than when I came except for what I have learned on my own by being on the water.

If you have any question please call me at 410-360-1163

Jill McCutchan

(Ed. - Jill is just back from England after the birth of her first grandchild. She missed some of the functions, but now is getting ready for the 2004 social schedule.)

JUNIOR TRAINING PROGRAM

As a part of MRSA's promotion of excellence in sailing we are committed to the education and training of our junior sailors. The primary venue for MRSA sail training is a two-week camp focusing on both off water instruction and on water experience. Our location for the camp is The Grachur Club, located off Lake Shore Road in Pasadena, Maryland. Students will be taught using the approved USSA/CBYRA training program. MRSA uses prams, 420's and other small sailboats in this program.

Young sailors from 9 to 16 years old are invited to participate. No prior experience, other than swimming ability, is necessary. A mandatory

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Commodore Sheryl McNair

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COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

Hang in there, spring's just around the corner. I've even seen buds on my lilacs, so hopefully we don't have too much longer to wait before we can dewinterize our boats. For *Merlin*, that means we need to remove the shrink-wrap and send it in to be recycled. If anyone else is interested in do-it-yourself shrink-wrap for next year, talk to Wes. He ordered a kit from Dr. ShrinkWrap, and it's certainly done a great job of keeping all the snow off our decks, and water out of our drainage seacocks. Meanwhile, I need to take the sails to be cleaned, get Wes to work on rebuilding the carburetor for our outboard, and restock our galley and head, while Wes takes care of flushing out all the antifreeze, and the steps necessary to restart our engines. We've just received our radar back from Raytheon, and we'll need to send someone (not me) up the mast to reinstall that. If any member has some useful spring commissioning advice for other members, please send it to me, or Fred Betz, or Ed Tracey, so we can all take advantage of it.

Our next membership meeting is the March Brunch, with further details in this issue. We've made arrangements for a special children's menu, so feel free to bring your children without breaking the bank!

Our cruise and race planning meetings were held last month, and we are ready for great cruising and racing—as soon as the weather is ready for us. The details of these meetings are elsewhere in this issue. Thank you, Loura Bonham and Bob Seay, for setting these up, Jim and Verna Wilson for making the arrangements for Belvedere Yacht Club for us, and everyone else who helped make these successful.

Sheryl McNair

- Notice -

Junior Training Application Forms will be available in the 2004 MRSA Red Book, and applications will be accepted after Red Book publication, and also on the website, <http://mrsa.sailnet.com>, approximately March 15.

CLASSIFIED ADS

Slip Wanted: Currently looking for a boat slip on the Magothy for a 33-foot sailboat that draws 4' 7". I race on Wednesday night and will need it from late April to early October. Willing to pay the going price. Contact Jack Lusby 410-552-2886, email jacklusby@yahoo.com

Slip Wanted: on the Magothy from April 1st until sometime in May for a Dickerson 37, beam, 11'6", draft, 4'8". Please contact Charlie Deigert by E-mail cdeigert@cox.net. or phone 252-636-1094 .

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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

For Sale: RANGER 23, *Splash*, Great Wed night/club racer. Excellent sails by North, Scott and Boycott. 3 jibs, main. 2 spinnakers. 2 hp Honda PHRF 225 \$1900 Please call Liz Hancock 410-439-9340

For Sale: *Follow The Sun* can't grow a second hull, so she is for sale (for sail?) so we can buy a catamaran. She is a 1987 Cardinal 46, fast, comfortable, easy on the eyes, and resembles a Swan. She is fully equipped for long distance cruising with a 2.5-year-old engine with 1300 hrs. Lots of sails, everything electronic (Radar, SSB, etc), complete electronic charts from Quebec to Brazil, watermaker, dodgers, bimini, etc. The engine alternators can charge a day's worth of electricity in 15 min if the solar panel and wind generator don't do it for you. Winner of several cruising races (against other overloaded cruising boats). Her best 24 hours is 180 miles. Her ballast displacement ratio of .43 gives her a range of positive stability of 130 degrees. Lots of spares. \$185,000. Call Dave & Laura @ 772-359-5665 Email KF4WQO@winlink.org. Finders fee to any MRSA member who finds a buyer.

For Rent: Three bedroom house on the Magothy with dock, slips and lift. Now available. Please call Roger Seal at 443-994-4532.

Racing Crew Wanted: I am interested in taking on racing crew on *Jazz* for Wednesday night racing, must leave dock at 1700 hr.. Some racing experience desired. All positions. Contact Beth Vanfossen, 410-647-0694, or email bvanfossen@towson.edu

Racing Crew Wanted: John Hubbs, *Seebär*, needs crew for non-spinnaker racing. Skipper willing to train, willing to learn. Contact jbhcoach@erols.com or call 410-795-0654 evenings or weekends.

Racing Crew Available: Mike Bonham is available nearly every Wednesday to crew for MRSA races. Credentials: 1st place winner in The Haven Yacht Club race series for 2 years, 2nd place winner for 1 year, 1st place winner in the Huntingfield Point Challenge, SCSA, 1994. Please contact Mike at 410-439-0507, or email LDBonham@aol.com

Cruising Crew Wanted or Available: If you would like to crew with another MRSA cruiser this season, email *The Old Man* !! email to editor, febetz@toad.net

2004 MRSA CRUISE SCHEDULE

Dates	Cruise Destination	Target Lighthouses	Cruise Leaders
24-25 Apr	Shakedown Cruise - Broad Creek, Magothy	Little Island (Practice)	Wes and Sheryl McNair
8-9 May	New Member Cruise Cornfield Creek		Myron and Sigrid Dorf
15 or 22 May	Canoe Adventure, Pocomoke River? Location and date TBD		Sue Betz
29-31 May	Memorial Day Cruise Wye River MRSA 30th Birthday Theme	Baltimore, Sandy Point, Bloody Point, Thomas Point, Hooper Strait	Rich and Toni Hughes
12-13 June	Round Bay - Severn River	Baltimore, Sandy Point	Beth Vanfossen
26-27 June	Swan Creek - The Haven	Baltimore	John and Debbie Lund
3-5 July	Fourth of July Cruise St. Michaels, via San Domingo Creek (also start of Cruise North)	Baltimore, Sandy Point, Bloody Point, Thomas Point, Hooper Strait, and Sharps Island	Al and Sue Kirkendall
17-18 July	West River and Rhode River	Baltimore, Sandy Point, Thomas Point	Ed and Peggy Poe
31 Jul - 1 Aug	Corsica River Race and Cruise	Baltimore	The Mullarky's
14-15 Aug.	Cruise to Doug's., Langford Creek	Baltimore	Fred Betz
28-29 Aug.	Cruise to Cornfield Creek, and Picnic at Mil Bur, 29 Aug.		Jill McCutchan
4-6 Sept.	Labor Day Cruise, La Trappe Creek, Choptank River, Waterhole and Harris Creeks	Baltimore, Sandy Point, Bloody point, Thomas Point, Hooper Strait, and Sharps Island	Al and Sue Kirkendall
18-19 Sept.	Baltimore, Dessert Cruise	Baltimore, 4 Craighill Range, Chesapeake Lightship, Ft. Carroll, Lazaretto Point, and Seven Foot Knoll	Dick and Marianne Kammann
2-3 Oct.	Mill Creek, off Whitehall Bay	Baltimore, Sandy Point	Jim and Jill McCutchan
16-17 Oct.	Goose Cruise, Langford or Grays Inn Creek, Chester River	Baltimore	Stage 1 - Harvey and Sandy Paskin Stage 2 - Tony and Dee Torres
30-31 Oct.	Frostbite Cruise - Cheshire Crab Bodkin Creek	Baltimore, 4 Craighill Range	Lewis Neisner

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LONG CRUISE TO NEW ENGLAND

Join Us! For MRSA Camaraderie in a Celebration of Health!

SPARTREK, JAZZ, and hopefully others, will head North in July to celebrate our health and our ability to sail small boats on big oceans. On Saturday, July 3rd we will be outbound for Block Island and Newport, Rhode Island.

Join us for all or part of this 23-day adventure. Sail your own boat or help us sail ours. We hope to be accompanied by Bob Krapfel and Gabriella Belli on their Catalina 36; and already have family and friends traveling by land to join us along the way. The crews will come and go when they can; the fun will be continuous!

Our plan is to sail overnight to Block Island after a lay day in Cape May. After the ocean leg, we'll be making day-trips for the rest of the 23-day trek.

After a couple of days in Block we'll be off to Newport. After Newport, exciting stops along the Connecticut shore of Long Island Sound will lead us to the gates of New York City. Hell Gate that is!

Carefully picking our currents, we'll tackle Hell Gate and speed down the East River on our way to Atlantic Highlands. Day trips down the Jersey coast and back into the Chesapeake will complete our adventure.

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Our goal is to relax and have fun; everything else is a bonus. We have an itinerary that we know won't hold up; but we don't care. We'll go as the weather permits and modify our plans accordingly.

There will be plenty of points along the way to embark and disembark. If you're interested, please call Dick or Marianne Kammann at 410-647-4332 or Beth Vanfossen or Lewis Neisner at 410-647-0694. We're doin' it!

Dick Kammann, with Beth Vanfossen



This Could be You on the Cruise North This Summer, Instead of Lewis Neisner Shown on his Journey Cruising Through New York City in 2003



This Year's Cruise North May Not go to Mystic Seaport. But You can Bet there are Lots of Other Great Sights to See..... by Sailboat!

photos by Fred Betz

**GOOD FOOD,.....
.....GOOD SPIRITS,
GOOD CRUISES!!!**

Old Man Winter took a break and permitted all 61 of us attend the annual cruise planning party at Belvedere Yacht Club. Thank you all for the fine food, good conversation, your willingness to help fill the slots on our 2004 cruise calendar, and to all who helped me make this party a success.

One of the commodore's objectives for the year is that the Vice Commodore and the Fleet Captain Cruising plan more of our activities around families with children to encourage families to attend our "kid-friendly" events with their children. This will, in turn help us to make participation in social events and cruises more attractive to families with younger children and help us to encourage new families into becoming active members of MRSA. Tonight's dinner included four children from the Dugan family, one from the Lund family, one from the Kirdendall family, and two children from the Weiman family, guests of the Bonham's. Other guests, friends of the Dorf's, were Jim and Peggy Jarvis of the Mil Bur Community.

The cruise schedule for 2004 includes many "kid-friendly" cruises some of which are:

1. Sock burning on the beach at North Shore.
2. The new members cruise in Cornfield Creek with a picnic on

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land in the Mil Bur Community.

3. The Canoe Adventure to the Pocomoke River.
4. The Memorial Day Cruise to the Wye River with a special MRSA 30th BD celebration.
5. Swan Creek offers good swimming on anchor or in the pool at The Haven if a slip is desired. They offer both adult's and children's pool.
6. Corsica River Race Cruise has a wonderful picnic in a beautiful park with a beach.
7. The cruise to Doug's on Langford Creek is a cruise to a private home with a swimming pool and BBQing of your own food.
8. The August picnic to the Mil Bur Community with a swimming pool available.
9. There are several "dinner out" cruises that you would need to use your own judgment regarding whether your children would enjoy that.

The club has several nettle nets on hand so that swimming can continue after the waters are invaded. Other ideas received for activities for cruises have been parent and children dinghy races, inclusion of some of our junior training boats at the Mil Bur activities, board games/VCR tapes on land or water, Trick or Treating from boat to boat, and a member with a power boat who would run one of our photographer members out to photograph your boat under sail in the Magothy.

The search for the 40+3 lighthouses will continue which the Chesapeake chapter of the US Lighthouse Society sponsors. More information on this is available from Jon Mullarky, a member of this chapter, and the proud recipient of a hat tonight from this society.

Our club sweetheart, Lewis Neisner, offered Valentine deals from the Ship's Store all evening with free candy with each purchase with pictures to prove it.

A drawing was held between the cruise leaders for 2004 with 5 lucky winners of gift certificates graciously donated by The Olive Tree, Romano's, Texas Roadhouse, Ledo's Pizza, and the Cheshire Crab. Happy winners were the Poe's, Mullarky's, Dorf's, Torres', and Paskin's. Each volunteer cruise family received a complimentary pair of binoculars from Boat US. A special thanks was given to Sigi and Myron Dorf for a job well done in their past 2 years as Fleet Captain Cruising with a new cooler that keeps ice for 5 days in 90-degree weather donated by West Marine.

Laura Bonham

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Jon Mullarky, Winner of the 40 + 3 Lighthouse Award for 2003



Commodore McNair's "Merlin" on the Traditional Cruising Cake



Bill Webster's Motto, and a Goal for the Rest

all photos this page by Fred Betz



The 2004 MRSA Cruise Leaders, from left, Harvey Paskin, Lewis Neisner, John Lund, Beth Vanfossen, Peggy Poe behind Ed Poe, Al Kirkendall, Myron Dorf, Jim McCutchan, Sue Betz, Rich and Toni Hughes, Annette Mullarky, Tony Torres and Marianne and Dick Kammann

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swim test must be passed prior to any sailing. In the event the swim test is not given prior to the start of camp, it will be administered on the first day. This year the program will run from June 21st through July 2nd, at 0830 hr. and finishing at 1600 hr. each of these 10 days.

While the program is open to both members and non-members, preference is shown first to member families with children and grandchildren returning to the program, then MRSA/Grachur Club members with children new to the program, and finally non-members, with applications in each category, evaluated in the order received. Established member families will be shown priority until April 20th, then new member families will be considered until May 1st, at which time all applicants will be considered with the same priority. An application appears in this **RED BOOK**. The application form will also be posted on the MRSA Web Page at <http://mrsa.sailnet.com>. In the past years, the Junior Training program has often filled quickly with member families, so early application is recommended for all categories.

Because MRSA is a VOLUNTEER club, we rely heavily on parents for assistance in boat maintenance, daily supervision, and the graduation picnic. You will be expected to participate in some way in each of these activities, and are asked to indicate your availability on the Junior Training application. With this support we are able to provide an outstanding educational and fun activity for our youth.

We also hope to participate in other local Laser and 420 events on the river depending on interest, and will publicize these events in *The Old Man*. Junior Training is a key part of the MRSA mission and we look forward to another successful year in 2004. If there are members who would like to volunteer or assist with any of these activities, or to donate the use of a chase boat or sailing dinghy, whether you have youth in the program or not, contact Rich Hughes, fantastc@comcast.net, or 410-757-6081, or Sue Kirkendall, alkirkendall@cs.com, or 410-437-3630.

Rich Hughes

THE MARCH 2004 CALENDAR, PLUS AND MINUS

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

3/7/04 March Brunch, Windows on
the Bay, 1130 hr., Author
Marianne Taylor is the Speaker

3/15/04 Junior Training Registration
Opens

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

4/1/04 April General Membership
Meeting, 1830 hr., Belli Napoli
Restaurant, Tom Dove is the
Speaker

4/24-25/04 Shakedown Cruise and
Sockburner, Broad Creek.
McNair's are Cruise Leaders

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APRIL MEETING, APRIL FIRST... NO FOOLING!

Plan ahead for the April membership meeting on Thursday, April 1st at Bella Napoli Restaurant. We will meet at 6:30 for a pizza dinner and then hear from guest speaker, Tom Dove. Tom is Technical Editor of both Chesapeake Bay Magazine and Waterway Guide, and Contributing Writer for SAIL Magazine, and he formerly taught photography and had his own studio business. He often shoots sailboats to illustrate his boat-test articles.

How often have you wanted to get sailing pictures like the ones in the magazines? It's not difficult, and you can get professional results with almost any good quality camera and a chase boat. Tom will show you how to improve your own boat pictures using simple methods that apply to both film and digital images, with color slides to show each technique.

Since the space is limited to only 50 people, it will be important for you to get your reservations in by March 25th for \$10. If space available after March 25th, then the cost will be \$13 per person. I am looking forward to seeing many of you there.

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Jill McCutchan

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