

THE OLD MAN

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CORSICA RIVER CRUISE

Once again, MRSA will be joining the Corsica River Yacht Club for their annual regatta party on July 31. After a sail — or motor :- (— up the Chester River, anchor just East of Spaniard Point and take your dinghy or the water taxi ashore.

Join the small boat sailors, big boat racers and enjoy an Eastern Shore chicken dinner, a live band and plenty of socializing in the park. It's also an easy drive across the Bay Bridge if other activities or the weather interfere. Advance reservations for dinner will get you the discounted rate (\$13) and are strongly encouraged. Contact Mike Mullarky at (410) 439-1556 or email boreasmd@verizon.net before 7/27 to get the reservations in; payment can be made at the door.

Mike Mullarky

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SAIL FOR SIGHT RACE TO BALTIMORE, JULY 10

The Sail for Sight is a race that is co-sponsored by MRSA and BCYA. BCYA handles the party, dockage, Scoring, etc. MRSA provides the RC at the start off Baltimore Light, and one member of the protest committee should it be required.

As of now, we do not have anyone signed up for either of these positions. If you would like to help out with this excellent event, please call Dave Prucnal at 443-479-5376 work, 410-255-5623 home, or email to A27USA9@yahoo.com. Sail Fast.

Dave Prucnal

MRSA HISTORY

The history of MRSA is eventful and interesting; however the recording of it's history has lapsed, but can be restored.

Thanks to the efforts of Les Toeplitz, Bill Paul, and others before them, we have a scrap book that documents MRSA from its founding in 1974 through 1988. We are confident that we can fill in the 1989-to-present missing pieces from our current members.

Many of us have MRSA history documented in our file cabinets, on our boats, our hard drives and elsewhere. Please, please, please dig out the memories! Race results, cruise reports, newspaper articles, invitations, photos, menus...anything. Give a copy to any Board of Governors member. Let's help preserve the history of MRSA and fill in the gaps.

Dick Kammann

RHODE RIVER CRUISE

JOIN THE FIRST EVER MRSA JOKE CRUISE. Join in and bring your best (or worst) family- rated (PG) joke. We could call it the Gong cruise. A panel of expert judges will rate the jokes and select the very best jokes to be used at the next Commodore's Ball. (OR NOT!) Prizes will be awarded!

You'll be able to find *Ravenous* anchored in the Rhode River near High Island. Please yuck it up with us on this cruise on the 17th and 18th of July. Call Peggy or Ed Poe at 410-296-6428.

Peggy Poe



Commodore Sheryl McNair

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

COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

I really blew it! We had our June picnic, which was very well attended, despite the lousy weather, and I missed getting at least 3 of our past commodores, who had been there, in the picture of past commodores. Those missing were Ham Palmer, Jim Quinn and Rich Hughes. And, I forgot to thank all those who worked so hard putting this event together—particularly Mike Bonham, who stepped in to do all the cooking, without any relief. Luckily, I get this second chance—thanks, Mike, Loura, Sigrid, Myron, Sue, Al, Jim, Jill—and all the rest of you who just pitched in. Thanks also to Ed Poe, who brought his ship's cannon and fired a 10-gun salute (each firing was loud enough for 3 years, we thought!), and to Bill Paul, for bringing the MRSA scrapbook, which was lost for several (14?) years. Hopefully, we can start updating it now—more on that later in this newsletter.

Coming up on July 10th is the Sail for Sight regatta, which we co-sponsor with Baltimore City Yacht Association. Although the entrance fees help raise funding for The Foundation Fighting Blindness, more funding is needed. Individuals within MRSA can help by donating money to: The Foundation Fighting Blindness, Attn: Sherille Otto at 11435 Cronhill Drive in Owings Mills, Md. 21117, or contact her at 410-568-0144. I'd also ask that you approach corporations who might be willing to donate, and enroll them as corporate sponsors.

Our Junior Training program should be in progress as you're reading this. Rich Hughes and Sue Kirkendall have been hard at work, and have convinced the Grachur Club to allow us to expand the program to 41 children, so that all interested MRSA and Grachur Club children may participate. John Taylor has been hard at work on the boats, to ensure they are in good shape, and that we have enough for everyone in the program. All three have been working long and tirelessly to make this year's program the best ever. Please lend them your support as much as possible, and next time you see them, thank them for all their hard work.

If anyone in the club is interested in being our "public affairs officer", please let me know. We get emails from local publications looking for news, and often miss the opportunity to publicize ourselves. This would be a great way to grow our membership, so if someone would like to take on this challenge, we'd all be grateful.

Looking forward to some great sailing in July.

Sheryl McNair

CLASSIFIED ADS

For Free: Two small child's orange life preservers. U.S Coast Guard Approved. For child 50 lb. or less, 20 - 25 inch chest. Good condition. Please email Fred Betz, fredbetz@verizon.net.

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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. Will pay the going price. Contact Jack Lusby 410-552-2886, email jacklusby@yahoo.com

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 hal-yards. \$6500 Contact Chris Lindsay, 410-439-8832 or Clind13290@aol.com for info.

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: 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: 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: *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 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

Racing Crew Wanted: *Endless Summer*: 29 foot Aphrodite racer / cruiser PHRF 159, Class : Wednesday Night Racing Non-spin, Years racing : over 10, Location of boat : Severna Park, Old Man Creek. Captain : Alan Weiss, phone 410-544-1986, email SailingDr@aol.com

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

The Board of Governors has approved another new member family this month, and I hope that more are on their way. Let's try to keep them coming! Please welcome the following new member:

Frank and Valerie Thomas, and their children, Madison (11) and Keaton (9) live at 269 Hemmingway Lane, in Severna Park. Madison is planning to join the Junior Training program this summer. They are interested in helping with committee work, and the summer picnic—nice to have them ready to jump right in. They don't have a boat, or sailing experience, and we hope that won't keep them from joining our activities as much as possible. They can be reached at 410-544-0855 or vwthomas@avaya.com.

We're glad to have you aboard. For our longer-term members, please introduce yourselves to these new members at our events and welcome them into our sailing plans.

Sheryl McNair

MEMORIAL DAY CRUISE

The Memorial Day weekend started with some boating frustration for the Cruise leaders, Rich and Toni Hughes. Friday May 28, we loaded the boat for the summer with the usual stuff. Several bags included bed linens, coffee, water, pretzels and of course, beer. Rich changed a battery; we started the engine to find a low oil pressure light. Tired and disappointed we went home and called Kammanns to ask that they take the cruise flag to Granary Creek. Marianne instead kindly invited us along on *Spar Trek*. We unloaded our boat and sailed away Saturday morning from Old Man Creek. We motored and sailed to Bloody Point where we caught up with the racing fleet from Annapolis headed to St. Michael's. The two racing captains on our boat wanted it to go faster. They had along the wrong crew! We sailed along with many beautiful spinnakers.



Annette Mullarky, (AA County Rescue Squad), Saves John Lund's Dinghy
photo by Toni Hughes

Granary Creek is tucked up the Wye River. It is quiet and beautiful. We found *Jazz* already nestled on a mooring. Once the

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boats were secure on anchors Annette and Mike Mullarky from *Betelgeux* joined Andy Kirkendall from *Flying Low* in a refreshing swim.

Betelgeux, *Flying Low*, and *MinVan IV* joined us for cocktails, after a rescue at sea. Annette jumped in and saved John Lund's dinghy from drifting away. As we gathered on *Spar Trek* we thought we might have to rescue Beth and her friend Joan Spade as they rowed to *Spar Trek*. It was no poetry in motion. *Frequent Flyer* then joined us with fresh snacks. Later in the evening the crew of *Spar Trek* was treated to popcorn from the crew of *Betelegeux* while we watched "Finding Nemo".

Sunday activities with Eastport Yacht Club and CBC (Bristol Club) were interesting. Andy K. and Mike M. won a dinghy race early in the day to start the competitive events. All the crews were to assemble on land at a state park. (It has a clubhouse, kitchen, cabins to rent, large pavilion and many acres of grass) We were to divide up into teams of four. The "cut-throat" competitions were discuss (toilet seat) toss, dart throw at balloons, basket ball toss into a trash can, baseball toss, walk the rope (while looking through binoculars backwards) and a line toss around a piling. The MSRA teams proved to be true competitors. The rum punches helped us all keep our sharp edge. Medals were won by team Tonga (McNairs who arrived just it time to compete), team Dobbins (Dick K, Rich H, Toni H, and Andy K), and team Solomon's Island (Kirkendalls and Bonhams). The vigorous activity was followed by a chicken dinner and medal presentation. We hope to be invited to join EYC and CBC again for a Memorial Day celebration. It was a tremendous event.

It was good to be on a big boat for the sail home on Monday. We had plenty of wind and seas, but not all that had been forecast.

Rich and Toni Hughes



The MRSA Representatives, I to r, Jon and Mike Mullarky, Mike and Laura Bonham, Andy Kirkendall on knees, Wes and Sheryl McNair, Annette Mullarky hiding, Marianne Kammann, John Lund and Dick Kammann, Lewis Neisner, Jean Gribben Al Kirkendall, Beth Vanfossen, her guest Joan Spade, Wally Gribben behind Beth, Sue Kirkendall, and Cruise Leaders, Rich and Toni Hughes.

photo by Toni Hughes

JUNE PICNIC

The June picnic at North Shore Beach was a huge success, made possible with great helpers. Thanks to Sheryl, Laura, Sigrid and my wonderful husband Jim. The weather was not very accommodating, but what a great showing of the Past Commodores and the celebration of the MRSA's 30th year. The sundaes, cake and the fireworks were the added attraction to this year's celebration.

A reminder that the next picnic will be in August at Milburn by the Magothy during the August cruise. I will be calling for more people to help with this just in case of an emergency that I may be in England helping out our daughter. I have had a lot of unforeseen surprises this year in dealing with my family; so far so you never know when or where something will happen and when I get a call for help and off I go, so I want to be prepared this time. Again thanks for all the help and the huge success of everyone being there.

Jill McCutchan



Ham Palmer, MRSA Past Commodore, (1977), Cuts the 30th Anniversary Cake

photo by Laura Bonham



June Picnic



.....In the Foulies!

photos by Laura Bonham

CRUISE TO LITTLE ROUND BAY

Seven MRSA boats made it to the June 12-13th cruise to Little Round Bay. It was a beautiful day for the motor sail down, with easterly but very light winds. While the sun was enough to burn, the temperatures were in the low 70s, creating a relief after the temperatures of 80 and 90 during the prior week. Most boats motored all the way, but the Bonham's on *Frequent Flyer* participated in the true sense of sailing cruises — and were at one point seen stalwartly moving along under sail at about two knots, it seemed, in the waves just south of the Bay Bridge. As the MRSA boats motored by the Annapolis area, racing activities could be observed in the distance.

Rafting up mid- to late-afternoon behind St. Helena Island to Jon and Rob Mullarky's anchor boat, *Betelgeux* (held by 120 feet of chain on a 45-lb. Danforth anchor) were Phil and Elaine Haskell and their grandson on *My Fair Lady*, Al, Sue, and Andy Kirkendall on *Flying Low*, Mike and Laura Bonham on *Frequent Flyer*, John Lund on *Min Van IV*, Beth Vanfossen with George and Carolyn Stamps on *Jazz*, and Philippe and Shirley Maisee on *Corret*.

MRSA welcomed guests brought by the Bonham's and John Lund, and all enjoyed the hors d'oeuvres and conversation into the very late afternoon. The boats broke off the raft to anchor at about the same time as the power boaters returned to port at sunset, making it a very peaceful anchorage for the evening. The next morning after the smell of bacon and eggs wafted over the area, and Carolyn Stamps visited the island environs in her kayak, most boats left early in order to cross under the Bay Bridge before it closed to boating traffic at 1100 in support of the annual Chesapeake Bay Swim (participated in by MRSA member Joe Jackins). True wind speeds between 11 and 17 knots from the south at midday allowed for very pleasant sailing back to the homeport.



John Lund, Carolyn Stamps and Jon Mullarky are among the Little Round Bay Cruisers.

Beth Vanfossen

photo by Beth Vanfossen

SWAN CREEK CRUISE

It was a “fantastic” cruise to Swan Creek on June 26 and 27. Unfortunately, *Fantastic* wasn’t one of the 11 MRSA boats in Swan Creek. On Saturday, the wind was light in the morning but by the time the anchor went down the humidity dropped and the wind picked up to at least 15 knots.

The happy hour was enjoyed by Debbie, John and Jessica Lund on *Min Van IV*, Sue, Al and Andy Kirkendall on *Flying Low*, Jon Mullarky and his brother and sister-in-law on *Betelgeux*, Myron and Sigrid Dorf on *Light Spray*, Fred Betz on *Elan*, Loura and Mike Bonham on *Frequent Flyer*, Jim McCutchan on *Great Escape*, Phil and Elaine Haskell and grandson James on *My Fair Lady*, Bill and Judy Webster on *Frisky Business*, Rick and Roberta Watts on *Mirabella*, and Ed and Peggy Poe and Bert and Kathy Polk flew over in the power boat *Mary Louise II*. I’m not sure their ride back was as smooth. (Peggy, did I do all right listing everyone?) On Sunday the wind was out of the south and the sail back was great. It was nice to have a cruise with a close destination.

Debbie Lund



Ed and Peggy Poe Arriving on Burt Polk's Powerboat. Kathy was There Too!
photo by Fred Betz



The Swan Creek Raft and Happy Hour Aboard *Min Van IV* and *Flying Low*

photos by Fred Betz

AUGUST ONE WEEK CRUISE

The Lunds, Kirkendalls and Haskells are planning to sail the Chesapeake the first week of August. I know the winds are not the best in August but last year we had great weather. One never knows! If anyone wants to join us for the week or part of a week, please call Debbie or John Lund at 410-544-2551. We have decided on the following schedule:

Saturday, July 31- Corsica Race Party
Sunday, August 1- Leads Creek/Miles River
Monday, August 2- St. Michaels
Tuesday, August 3- Dunn Cove/Harris Creek/Choptank
Wednesday, August 4- LaTrappe Creek/Choptank
Thursday, August 5-Cambridge
Friday, August 6- Galesville, West River
Saturday, August 7- Mill Creek
Sunday, August 8- Magothy

Debbie Lund



Some Great Wednesday Night Magothy River Racing Scenes

photos by Kathy Polk

MRSA Junior Racing Program (Proposed)

The following is the proposed description of a new MRSA Junior Racing Program to follow the annual Junior Training Sailing Camp.

Interested members should please contact John Taylor at 410-315-7759, or email at jtaylor@arinc.com. John will be attempting to organize the Program with the help of the members expressing interest.

- Objective:**
- Provide MRSA juniors with an opportunity to practice what they have learned in the Junior Training program, enhance their racing skills, and have fun!
- Eligibility:**
- Current member of MRSA
 - Ages 9 Through 18
 - Must have participated in the MRSA Junior Training or equivalent
- Registration:**
- \$20 entry fee for entire race series (no discount if any are missed)
 - Must fill out liability waiver form
 - The first 12 juniors to register are guaranteed a spot on the MRSA boats every week, an alternate list will be generated after the first 12 registrations (no fee but waiver form required)
 - Racers supplying their own boat must still register, submit the waiver form, and pay the entrance fee
- Dates:**
- July 12, 19, 26 (will need substitute to run racing on July 26 – vacation)
 - August 2, 9, 16
- Times:**
- Rigging: 5:30
 - Launch: 6:00
 - Finish: Sunset
- Location:**
- Boat prep and storage - McNair's
 - Racing – Magothy River off of Black Hole Creek
- Parental Duties:**
- Must volunteer to assist with race committee for at least one race.
 - Must help stow the fleet after racing and perform general cleanup.
- Racer Duties:**
- Must wear PFD and protective footwear.
 - Must assist in rigging and launching boats.
 - Must help stow the fleet after racing and perform general cleanup.
- Fleet:**
- 4 MRSA Flying Juniors (FJ)
 - Any other racer provided boat (will be a separate start)
- Format:**
- Race course set by race committee (generally windward/leeward courses)
 - Number of races – as many as possible prior to sunset less transit and de-rigging time
 - Standard racing rules, no protests accepted, rule review after race
 - 3 crew per MRSA FJ, Mate II or Skipper in charge of each boat (the first 12 registrants for the MRSA fleet are guaranteed a spot, if there is a vacancy, alternates will be called starting with the earliest alternate registrant. After participating as an alternate in the racing, you are put at the bottom of the alternate list to provide an opportunity for other juniors)
 - Crew as required for racer supplied boats
- Prizes:**
- Ribbons for each participant every week (1st, 2nd, 3rd, Honorable Mention)
 - End of year awards for most participation, low point, and most improved.

John Taylor

THE JULY 2004 CALENDAR, PLUS AND MINUS

*7/3-5/04 Forth of July Cruise to the
Choptank River, Kirkendalls are
Cruise Leaders*

*7/10/04 Sail for Sight Race to
Baltimore, Sponsored by MRSA
and BCYA*

*7/12/04 First Proposed Junior Race,
John Taylor is Organizing*

*7/14/04 Wednesday Evening Race
Series 4 Begins*

*7/18-18/04 Rhode River Cruise,
Poes are Cruise Leaders*

*7/31-8/1/04 Corsica River Race/
Cruise, Mullarkys are Cruise
Leaders*

*7/31-8/8/04 August One Week
Cruise, Lunds are Cruise
Leaders*

8/4/04 Wed. Race Raft Up Social

4TH OF JULY CRUISE – RED, WHITE, AND BLUE CRUISE

The 4th of July Cruise is almost here, so please plan to join MRSA on the Choptank River. We will spend Saturday at Waterhole Cove. Then it is on to San Domingo Creek on Sunday morning. We will have the sea nettle pools, and it is just a short dingy ride into St. Michaels from the anchorage in San Domingo Creek. Dust off your patriotic attire because we will bring in the Fourth on Sunday night with prizes for the most patriotic outfit and/or decorations! Judging will take place at the Sunday Happy Hour, Dinner can be in St Michael's if desired. Monday morning you can depart for home or if anyone is interested in staying on with the Haskells, Brauns, and Kirkendalls for the rest of the week you are welcome. We will be cruising on to visit Tripp Creek, Oxford, St. Leonard's Creek, and Solomon's. Please contact Al or Sue Kirkendall at (410) 437-3630, alkirkendall@cs.com for more information.

Al Kirkendall

MRSA/BCYA Sail for Sight MRSA Member Leon Holzman will again be in the race to Baltimore, and would welcome sponsors from the MRSA community. He races Karen Lee, a 34' C&C. Please make your check payable to: "The Foundation Fighting Blindness", and send your donation to: Captain Leon Holzman, 1515 Circle Drive, Annapolis MD 21401. Thanks!

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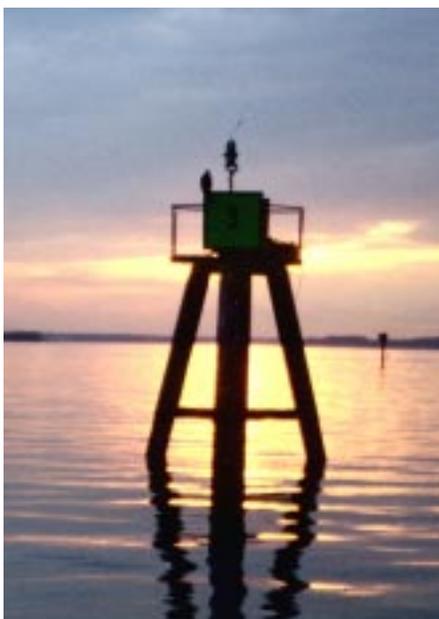


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