

# THE OLD MAN

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## OCTOBER'S GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING, OCTOBER 7

October's general membership meeting will be held on Thursday, October 7<sup>th</sup> at the Olive Tree Restaurant at 7005 Ritchie Highway in Glen Burnie. The meeting will begin at 6:30 P.M. and end after our Captain Billy Baye program (approximately 8:30 P.M.). Cost is \$20.00 per person for an outstanding meal and great entertainment. Gratuity and drinks are included in the cost, excluding beer and wine, which you may purchase separately. Children may order off the kids' menu.

The character of Captain Billy Baye is played by Mr. Cliff Long. Mr. Long holds a B.A. in Anthropology and an M.A. in Public History. For almost twenty years he has performed as

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a historical interpreter and musician for groups of all ages. Mr. Long served as a character interpreter, musician and chantyman onboard HMS Bounty during her West Coast, East Coast, and Great Lakes tours. He has also portrayed Master Richard Rowe of the Maryland Dove currently on display at Historic Saint Mary's City and has provided tours, lectures and character interpretation for Historic Annapolis Foundation. At the French Canadian Isle a la Cache Museum in Illinois, he provided nearly six years of sold out performances portraying an 18th century French fur trader. Mr. Long joined Watermark Cruises last year where he performs as Captain Billy Baye for Watermark's two-hour pirate school field trip and the new one-hour public cruise, Pirates of the Chesapeake as well as for pirate-theme birthday party cruises and in-school performances.

We will also vote on the bylaws changes at this meeting. Please be present so that your voice/vote can be heard. The proposed changes were reviewed in the September Old Man. If you have any questions about the changes, please contact Sheryl McNair at 410-437-8998 or sammcnair@yahoo.com.

Don't miss what promises to be a great meeting. **Contact Jill or Jim McCutchan at (410) 360-1163 to reserve a place at this meeting. Reservations needed by Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>.**

*Jim McCutchan*

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## CRUISE TO MILL CREEK OFF WHITEHALL BAY, OCTOBER 2ND AND 3RD.

Join us at Mill Creek off Whitehall Bay on October 2nd for a relaxing time with good friends in a beautiful anchorage. We will raft around 3pm and have a get together at 5pm. Story telling is the theme, so recall your best CRUISING tale for all of us to hear.

Directions to Mill Creek are straight forward; Sail/power to the entrance to Whitehall Bay, then turn to port and follow the markers to Mill Creek and look for My Fair Lady.

Please let us know if you are coming- Tel #: (301) 490-9762 or E-Mail: PJHASKELL@AOL.COM.

*Phil Haskell*

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Commodore Sheryl McNair

## COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

We made it through the long hot summer (surely someone, somewhere had a long hot summer!) and fall sailing is here to enjoy. With this change of seasons also comes the approaching change in officers. For those who are ready to take up the mantle of responsibility, now is the time to let our nominating committee know which officer position, or appointed position would be most appropriate for you. Al Kirkendall is chairing the nominating committee—if you are willing to become an officer, or to help in any way, please let him know. Although we do not impose special duties on the newest members of the club, this is a great way for anyone to get better acquainted with the ins and outs of MRSA, learn the secret handshake (whoops, I forgot, there is no secret handshake) make friends and influence people (wait, was that Dale Carnegie speaking?). Al can be reached at 410-437-3630 or [alkirkendall@cs.com](mailto:alkirkendall@cs.com).

### 2004 OFFICERS OF THE MAGOTHY RIVER SAILING ASSOCIATION

- Commodore:** Sheryl McNair, 437-8998
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MRSA is a member of CBYRA, CBYCA, and Boat U.S. (Member #GA 80366 S).

For planning purposes, two of our larger events, in terms of spending, occur in December and January. We book a room at the Annapolis Hilton to watch the annual Parade of Lights, scheduled for December 11th, and we have booked Gibson Island Club in January to host our 31<sup>st</sup> Commodore's Ball. If you have any recommendations on either event, please contact V/C Jill McCutchan, who is planning these fun-filled evenings. For the Parade of Lights, the room rate is now up to \$300, and last year, we managed to get a room overlooking Ego Alley. We've already paid for this year, but if anyone has an idea for doing this differently, or thinks we should skip it, please let us know. If we did drop this event, it would be very hard to restore. Similarly, I mentioned in the February Old Man that we subsidize about \$1700 of the Commodore's Ball, and will continue to do so unless the membership has other ideas.

The Baltimore, otherwise known as the Dessert Cruise, did not go unchallenged this year. Due to heavy winds and pouring rain, emanating from Ivan, the Kammanns, as cruise leaders, decided to entice Vaccaro's and the rest of us cruisers to come to their waterfront home on the Upper Magothy. What a great alternative sail! Since we didn't have to leave until much later than Baltimore would have required, we could wait out the rain, and take advantage of the high winds to sail quickly. Except for the chapped lips, it was a great idea. Dick and Marianne have a large crew working at their dock, making it very easy for boaters to dock and undock, despite 20-knot breezes with 30-knot gusts. We greatly enjoyed the sail home, with the clear, starry night combined with brisker temperatures. Surely this was a sign of the best sailing season yet to come—fall.

Onto fall, and frostbite racing...I've had a wonderful summer, sailing/racing with Beth on *Jazz*. It's been exciting and interesting way to get my sailing fix in every week, despite weekend commitments. The weather is always different, and always challenging us. Every week, something unusual happened—sometimes good, sometimes bad, sometimes—unusual. I do have some stories to tell, although I told Beth that

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I wouldn't publish them. For those of you who haven't had this opportunity, I encourage you to convince some racer to take you onboard. The frostbite series will start October 10<sup>th</sup>, and run through November 14<sup>th</sup>, Sunday afternoons, and should involve some great sailing. With that, I'd better go pack my sailing gear...

Sheryl McNair

## GOOSE CRUISE ... GRAYS INN CREEK

Many of us have been having "Goose" cruises all summer long...the geese have refused to leave. Consequently a "goose" cruise in October may be anticlimactic for some. None-the-less, once committed, we must press on. So, MRSA will set sail for Grays Inn Creek on the Chester River for a weekend designed to test our gastrointestinal fortitude (Stage 1 ...the hors d'oeuvres). We hope see Bald Eagles and geese before Stage 2 (Tony Torres' daiquiris), for after that anything we see might be termed a hallucination. Please join us on October 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>. If you plan to do so, please call (410) 268-9013, [HMPLCHAYIM@aol.com](mailto:HMPLCHAYIM@aol.com), so we can inform you of any change in plans.

Harvey Paskin

## CLASSIFIED ADS

**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.

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**For Sale:** West Marine Headsail bag, large. 1 year old, cost \$170. Only \$100. Also, Genoa, Scott sail. Bi-radial, 5.1 oz., dacron, hanks. Luff—40'6", Leech 39'3", Foot-22'. (I went to roller furling.) Call Mike, 410-255-2639; e-mail [mprucnal@erols.com](mailto:mprucnal@erols.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 halyards. \$6500 Contact Chris Lindsay, 410-439-8832 or [Clind13290@aol.com](mailto:Clind13290@aol.com) for info.

**For Rent:** Waterfront Cottage on Huntington Creek off Grays Inn Cr. Dock/(+/-)4 ft water. 2 BR 1 BATH, D.R./L.R., Kitchen/Screen Porch. Sleeps 4, \$1000/wk/\$150. night. Please call 410-778-7100.

**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](mailto:tprice@usna.edu)

**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](mailto:SailingDr@aol.com)

**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. **REDUCED to \$170,000.** Call Dave & Laura @828-231-8343, Email [ellerbrake@nase.org](mailto:ellerbrake@nase.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

**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:** 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](mailto:tprice@usna.edu)

## **AUGUST PICNIC - JUNIOR RACING**

Flying in to the August picnic were 3 Flying Juniors, sailed over from Blackhole Creek by MRSA junior sailors. Their objective—to grab as much of the good food as possible, jump in the pool, dive off the board, play volleyball, swing, and generally have a great time. They were employed for a greater purpose, though, and the FJs were made available for races for all those attending the picnic. We needed a race committee, though, and our Fleetmaster, John Taylor, while serving ably as RC for junior racing, wanted to BE a racer. Luckily, his son, Colin, and friend, volunteered. Wes McNair agreed to drive the whaler, I took pictures, Colin and Wes agreed on a course, Colin counted down and timed the starts, and his friend has anchor duty. Three adults joined the competition—all assisted, more or less, by junior sailors. One pair of junior sailors took on all the adults, and held their own. No medals were won, the honor and glory were all internal for the individuals, and everyone got two good races in before the wind slackened. Thanks to all the participants, including the race committee—and Colin for educating the rest of us. Another great addition to our picnic tradition—however, our Fleetmaster says we've got to do something about the grass in the water at Milbur. Recommendations for next year will be accepted...

*Sheryl McNair*

## **AUGUST PICNIC**

The annual picnic at Mil-Bur on August 28<sup>th</sup> was a huge success this year as nearly sixty people were in attendance. The weather was a sunny 90 degrees with Mother Nature providing air conditioning via a nifty 15-20 knot breeze flowing up Cornfield Creek. Those brave mariners who negotiated the treacherous waters of Magothy Narrows were treated to the reassuring sight of Great Escape anchored near the Mil-Bur pier proudly displaying the colors of the Wagothy (sic) River Sailing Association. Members of the MRSA Fleet who made the journey via water were the Lunds in *Min Van IV*, Toni and Rich Hughes in *Fantastic*, Dick and Dretta Peterson in *April Fool*, Stu and Vicky Timmerman in *Dark Star*, and Mike and Paula Romey in *Chinook*.

Vessels from the Junior Training fleet under the direction of Fleetmaster John Taylor also made the voyage from their homeport to Cornfield and races were held on Cornfield Creek with Debbie Lund displaying a particularly competitive flair.

Thanks to everyone who attended, especially those who assisted with preparation and cleanup.

*Jim and Jill McCutchan*



*Chinook, Fantastic, April Fool, and Dark Star, Rafted off Milbur*

*Susan Kirkendall and VC  
Jill McCutchan*



*Racing at the August Picnic at Milbur*

*photos above and left by  
Sheryl McNair*



*photos the Top and Right by  
Jim McCutchan*



## **TIME FOR A CHANGE**

It is hard to believe that I have been doing the *Old Man* for 3 years, and this is my 36<sup>th</sup> edition since starting in November of 2001. I assumed the job from Beth Vanfossen, and have tried to maintain the same high standards that she did for her years as editor. I hope that you have enjoyed reading it each month, as much as I have enjoyed, [mostly] putting it together.

With the November issue, Kevin Dunn will be at the helm, and I'm sure will do a great job. Expect some changes in the look of the new *Old Man*, and I ask that you give Kevin the same fine support that I have enjoyed.

Also retiring from the support tasks of folding, stapling, labeling, applying postage and mailing the same 36 editions, will be George and Carolyn Stamps. I thank them profusely for their dedicated and reliable efforts to get each issue to you in the shortest possible time. Ed and Evelyn Seto will be doing that task beginning next month. We thank them and wish them well.

*Fred Betz*

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## **NOVEMBER MEETING**

We will have a pizza night again on Nov. 7th. We had such a great time last time, people asked if we could do this again so we will have a guest speaker and the dinner will be 10 dollars again. Wine and beer not included. Kids can choose off the menu with the parents picking up the bill at the Bella Napoli.

*Jill McCutchan*

## **CHESAPEAKE BAY YACHT CRUISING ASSOCIATION**

MRSA is a member of the Chesapeake Bay Yacht Cruising Association (CBYCA), and pays annual dues of \$150. This gives our members reciprocal rights at other yacht clubs within the association, and contributes to CBYCA having a greater voice in legislative debates. Currently, I have approximately 10 of their roster books (unclaimed), which I hope to remember to bring to the October membership meeting on October 7<sup>th</sup>. That I still have this many is testament to how little members have need of them, and perhaps means that no one avails themselves of the reciprocal rights. Although they do send out monthly newsletters about their doings, I haven't seen evidence of much legislature changes pertaining to Maryland. Perhaps that is the result of much behind-the-scenes work, but the BOG has asked how important we think this membership is. If you have an opinion on the subject, please speak to me, or send me an email at [sammcnair@yahoo.com](mailto:sammcnair@yahoo.com).

*Sheryl McNair*

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## **COOPERATIVE CORPORATION AGREEMENTS**

Several members have informed me that BOAT U.S. no longer provides discounted memberships for MRSA members. This is not true! Members of MRSA are entitled to the \$9.50 membership rate, versus the \$19.00 rate for non-members. Simply write in the \$9.50 amount if you receive a bill, and note that you are a member of MRSA. I doubt that you need it, but if anyone questions you, you can give them our group ID number, GA80366S. Take advantage of the savings!

As noted on our website, SAILNET provides a percentage of all purchases made through our website. If you are considering purchasing any item that SAILNET carries, please consider purchasing it on-line, and use the link from the MRSA website (<http://mrsa.sailnet.com>) to access SAILNET. This is the only way that we get any credit for members' purchases.

*Sheryl McNair*

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## **SEA FAN LOG - MAY & JUNE & ETC. 2004**

We welcomed May in Sun Bay, Vieques, the most beautiful bay we've found. Loggerhead turtles lay their eggs here, and there are currently 5 nests on the beach. After a week, we moved west to Green Beach. The west end of Vieques reminds us of the Bahamas, with a large area of shifting sand bars, 3 to 15 feet deep. Then back to Puerto del Rey, and on to Maryland to find some more help for Jane's mother. She had pneumonia when we arrived, and we had to extend our stay a bit. We will return in July for a longer visit to be sure the new help we lined up is working - what we thought we set up in February hasn't worked out.

Back in Puerto Rico, the morning after we arrived, the fridge quit working. At first the repairmen thought it was the fan, but it turns out to be a bit more complicated. So we will be here awhile.

While waiting for parts, we went back to El Yunque rainforest. We took a 30  
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## **LABOR DAY CRUISE BROUGHT BEAUTIFUL WEATHER AND LOTS OF CRUISERS**

The destination for the Labor Day cruise was changed to the Corsica River. Our MRSA Rock Creek contingent and others had already decided on this shortened cruise, and with the uncertainty of Hurricane Frances there was little interest in going down to the Choptank. I can take no credit for the planning on this cruise since it was already done by the Rock Creek members, and a good time was had by all.

Saturday brought light winds and most people motored to Emory Creek on the Corsica River for a Happy Hour raft –up. Beth Vanfossen with George and Carolyn Stamps aboard *Jazz* and Beth's sister and brother-in-law Peg and Shep Kellum aboard *Gulietta* were the first at the anchorage after spending Friday Cruising. Other cruisers included Dick & Marianne Kammann aboard *Spartrek*, Al, Sue and Andy Kirkendall on *Flying Low*, Rich and Toni Hughes with *Fantastic*, John, Debbie and Jessica Lund with *Min Van IV*, Michael and Paula Romney aboard *Chinook*, Stu and Vicki Timmerman with *Dark Star*, Dick and Dretta Peterson on *April Fool*, Mike and Laura Bonham on *Frequent Flyer* and guests Don and Carrie Shea aboard *Night Shade* and Don and Carol Reynolds aboard *Puts and Calls* joined in the festivities. Lewis Neisner joined the party by dingy, and great food and pleasant

conversations with friends were the highlight of the festivities. As dusk approached, the raft scattered into two rafts and others on a single hook.

Sunday morning brought cooler temperatures and lots of wind, which turned out to be ideal for doing boat chores, and relaxing. By afternoon *Gulietta* and *Min Van IV* had departed for other locations while Joe and Diane Jackins with their niece Amy aboard *Magic Dragon*, Jim and Jill McCutchan aboard *Great Escape* and Commodore Sheryl, Wes, Jay & John McNair aboard *Merlin* joined the group. Two rafts had formed and with the winds blowing, anchor-dragging drills provided the excitement. One raft stayed together and the second one broke apart prior to enjoying community dinners. Again the food and drink was great and the festivities continued until after dark.

Monday morning the groups got together for a community breakfast prior to departing for home. I don't remember doing this on any other cruise but it too was a lot of fun, and it is recommended for future cruises. We were all treated to a stiff easterly breeze for the return trip home.

I would like to thank all of those that participated in this cruise and especially the Rock Creek sailors for doing all of the planning. It was a very enjoyable event and I look forward to seeing everyone again on the next cruise.

*Al Kirkendall*



From Left to Right: *Merlin*, *Flying Low*, *Spartrek*, *Jazz*, and *Great Escape*, rafted under *Uncertain Skies* at the Corsica River

photo by Laura Bonham

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minute (mostly downhill) walk to La Mina falls. A swim in the falls served to cool one off before the 45 minute (mostly uphill) walk back to the parking lot. Then we stopped for barbecued chicken skewers and beans and rice at a small restaurant we've tried before. Great cheap lunch.

End of the month, we're still in Puerto del Rey. We aren't happy with the refrigeration folks we started with, so we got a second opinion. It seems the part we need isn't made anymore; don't know why the first people didn't know this. We also found out that even though the first thing they did was check the freon, we now have none! I did hear the sound of compressed air releasing when they were working down there. So Charlie Miller replaced our r12 with r134A, saying he'd been doing this successfully for several years. Things didn't get better, and next Charlie said we needed a new thermostat. Done, but the fridge still ran most of the time, didn't get very cold, and defrosted every time it went off. End of May finds us still in the marina.

June continued to be a battle with the fridge. Finally, we found that the new fan was the wrong one, causing an overload that shut down the compressor. Steve put a Radio Shack fan in. We also learned that the switch to r134A was a VERY bad idea. So May Day Marine, the first folks, came out, sucked out all the refrigerant and filled us with r12. Amazing! Things seem to be working just fine. So we finally got out of the marina on June 16<sup>th</sup>. *We motor sailed down to the west end of Vieques, then beat our way to Sun Bay. At last, we can jump overboard, and enjoy the peace and quiet of the bay.*

The evening of the 17<sup>th</sup> was new moon, and we took a trip with Island Adventures to Mosquito Bay, a bioluminescent bay. It was truly the experience of a lifetime. Bioluminescence is caused by microscopic organisms called dinoflagellates. These are strange organisms with the characteristics of both plants (chlorophyll) and animals (the ability to move), now called the Protista or Protoctista. They emit light

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when disturbed, but only at night. The waters of Mosquito Bay are thick with dinoflagellates - 600,000 per gallon. Why such a concentration? The bay is small, has a very narrow and shallow entrance, is shallow (maximum depth is 13 feet), and is bordered by mangroves. The mangroves harbor bacteria which break down the roots and leaves, producing vitamin B12, an essential nutrient for the dinoflagellates. The narrow entrance limits the flushing action of the tides, and the shallow water increases the density of the organisms.

The result of these factors is spectacular. Every fish is a burst of light, leaving a glowing trail behind it. As the boat moves through the water, a long bright wake follows. It is easy to see how early mariners could see a sea serpent chasing their boat. Our guide told us that an astronaut in space could see the glow of the wake of an aircraft carrier, and that the last submarine sunk in WWII was found, not with sonar, but because it was outlined by bioluminescence. When you jump overboard, you are engulfed in a bright light, and every small movement creates more lights - small sparkles when the movement is gentle and great bursts when the movement is more violent. I strongly recommend that anyone who finds themselves in Puerto Rico or/and Spanish Virgin Islands make arrangements to visit Mosquito Bay. We went with Island Adventures, on an electric boat. (I would not recommend trying to take your boat into the bay - the entrance is only 3 to 5 feet deep and very narrow). By the way, there's hope that this bay will continue to provide its light show. There is a push on the island to eco tourism, rather than big brightly lit resorts. The more ambient light there is, the less bioluminescence is visible. It is an unfortunate truth that other bioluminescent bays in Puerto Rico have been spoiled by bright shore lights.

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*Steve and Jane Gardner*

## **DICK TINKLER, FIRST MRSA COMMODORE, REST IN PEACE**

MRSA Members mourn the passing on Monday, September 19<sup>th</sup>, of Dick Tinkler, the founding Commodore of the MRSA. Dick was one of a handful of North Shore sailors who created the Magothy River Sailing Association in 1974. Dick was involved in the manufacture of the El Toro sailing dinghy, and it was the El Toro Fleet 66 that was truly the driving force of MRSA's creation.

Dick was energetic, hard working and a gracious person. Dick's had a vision of a Magothy River sailing club for the average sailor. At the time, only Gibson Island, Cape St. Clair residents or Potapskut Sailing Association members could participate in CBYRA events. With the efforts of Dick and others, MRSA was given CBYRA provisional status in 1974

Dick had gotten away from the club in past years but I would see him at the shopping malls and he always would stop and chat about the club. He obtained his Captain's license and piloted an Annapolis Cruise Ship in the summer. The Ranger 29 of Lyle Millan, our second Commodore, is still docked at Dick's Gray's Creek waterfront home.

We will all miss him.

*Bill Paul*

## **THE OCTOBER 2004 CALENDAR, PLUS AND MINUS**

10/2-10/3/04 Cruise to Mill Creek off  
Whitehall Bay, Haskells are  
Cruise Leaders

10/7/04 General Membership  
Meeting, 1830 hr. Olive Tree  
Restaurant - By-Laws and Cliff  
Long as Captain Billy Baye

10/10/04 Frostbite Race 1

10/16-10/17/04 Goose Cruise to  
Grays Inn Creek, off the Chester  
River. The Paskins and Torres  
are Cruise Leaders

10/17/04 Frostbite Race 2

10/23/04 BCYA Harbor Cup Race

10/30-10/31/04 Cruise to the  
Cheshire Crab Restaurant..  
Lewis Neisner Is Leader

10/31/04 Frostbite Race 3

11/4/04 General Membership  
Meeting, Bella Napoli

## **CRUISE TO CHESHIRE CRAB – OCT. 30-31**

The cruise to Cheshire Crab at the Pleasure Cove Marina, formerly known (until last year) as the Cruise to Buddy's will take place this year Oct. 30-31. 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](mailto:lneisner@rhsmith.umd.edu).

Directions by car: Take Rt. 100 to Magothy Bridge Rd. Turn north on Magothy Bridge Rd. The road changes its 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). Go several miles and turn right on Bayside Beach, 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.

*Lewis Neisner*

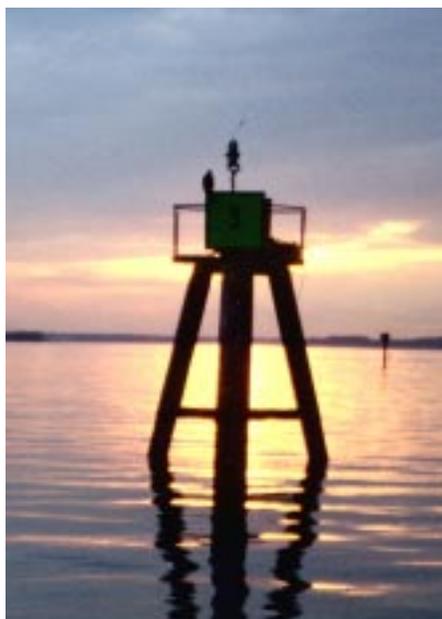
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***Notice: The Second Update Page for your 2004 Red Book, with New or Renewed Members Since February and Yacht Listings, is Enclosed. The First Page was Enclosed in the September Old Man.***

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