

The Old Man

The Monthly Newsletter of the Magothy River Sailing Association 30TH ANNIVERSARY 1974 -2004 November 2004

November Membership-Meeting

Jill McCutchan

We will have a pizza night again on Nov. 4th. 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.

Bylaws Revision

Sheryl McNair

The bylaws revision was reviewed, amended and approved at the October membership meeting at the Olive Tree. Thanks to those attending for recommending the following changes:

Leadtime for notification of a membership meeting to approve bylaws changes, an expenditure

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of \$7500 or more, commitment to expenditures beyond the current BOG's terms, and/or assessments will be 10 days. Clarification of the duties of the Fleet Captain, Junior Training versus Fleetmaster:

The former will NOT be in charge of arranging committee and crash boats for the Association-owned fleet, but will be responsible for assigning race committee personnel needed for races with said fleet; the latter will be in charge of the committee and crash boats, but not the personnel.

The boats purchased and owned by the Association, although primarily for Junior Training, can be used for Junior Racing, and other Association events, and will be referred to as "the Association-owned fleet" vice the "junior training fleet".

The new bylaws will be included in the 2005 Red Book, although they are current now. Anyone interested in picking up a hard copy, or receiving an electronic copy should notify Sheryl McNair, 410-437-8998 or sammcnair@yahoo.com. I will bring the copies requested to the November membership meeting, and the December membership meetings.

CRUISE TO CHESHIRE CRAB – OCT. 30-31

Lewis Neisner

The cruise to Cheshire Crab at the Pleasure Cove Marina, formerly known 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. 28 if you plan to attend. 410-647-0694 or lneisner@rhsmith.umd.edu.

We will be ordering from their regular menu. For a sneak preview, see www.cheshirecrab.com.

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.

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Commodore Sheryl McNair

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Commodore's Comments

Whew! Only one more month to go...and then you get to hear from someone new and interesting. Meanwhile, you may notice a difference in this month's Old Man. We're ringing out the "old", and ringing in the "new". Thanks for three great years, Fred! You've done a wonderful job, getting the Old Man out quickly, with lots of great pictures and articles. Thanks for being so forgiving to the rest of us who haven't always met your deadlines. Thanks also to George and Carolyn Stamps, who had the onerous task of folding, stapling, stamping and mailing the Old Man every month. Now, Kevin Dunn has stepped up to the plate to take on the challenge of creating the Old Man each month—when you see him, please thank him for taking on this responsibility. Ed and Evelyn Seto have volunteered to take over the Stamps' tasks—with a little help from their sons.

I didn't get a head count from the October membership meeting—but the room was filled with clapping, cheering and singing sailors, and I'm sure the Olive Tree staff enjoyed our entertaining "pirate"—they certainly couldn't miss us! Look for a picture of some of your fellow sailors with their black eye patches in this edition.

Sadly, I haven't been able to attend any sailing events since September, so I don't know how the story-telling cruise in October went. If there were some good stories, I hope someone recorded them to share with the rest of us.

Included in this edition are some revised Red Book pages—for new members, or people who renewed after the deadline. These may appear to be duplicates of the previous pages issued—but the previous issuances accidentally omitted crucial information. For those who receive an electronic Old Man, you may want to print out those pages to add to your Red Book.

Last, but not least, wouldn't you be interested in some reader feedback? Write in and tell us about an interesting sailing/boating book, and why you recommend it. When I invited Tim Zimmerman, author of *The Race*, to speak at last year's March Brunch, I was delighted to discover a fairly complete history of racing—which unfolded in an exciting and entertaining format. Let me know what books you would like to share with others, and why, and give all of us some ways to enjoy more sailing over the loooong winter months.

Cheshire Crab Cruise

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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 your're welcome to tie up to the pier if there's space.

Dessert Cruise Salvaged!

Marianne and Dick Kammann

From the jaws of Ivan the Hurricane we salvaged the dessert cruise to Baltimore. The combination of an early decision to implement Plan B and smart thinking by our Commodore, Sheryl McNair saved the day, er evening.

With Ivan threatening serious northerly winds and mucho rain, an upwind slog to Baltimore didn't sound like a great way to spend a Saturday. So on Friday, September 17th we reluctantly called off the dessert cruise and implemented Plan B which was to move the raft-up party to Chez Kammann. Come by car or by boat was the plan. And the weather confirmed the wisdom of the decision.

Not only did the McNairs arrive by boat, but they had gone to the dessert destination, Vaccaros Italian Pastry Shop in Baltimore's Little Italy, and came bearing desserts. Yum!

The indoors party took on the familiar look of an MRSA raft-up with food to die for and more than we could possibly eat. Topped off by the Vaccaros cakes, the evening was a special treat. And a breezy, crystal-clear, post-Ivan sailing day followed on Sunday.

The Plan B party was enjoyed by the Lunds, Stamps, Shaffers, Kirkendalls including Andy, Loura Bonham, the Kammanns along with the two younger Kammann boys and their spouses, Beth Vanfossen and Louis Neisner, and the Krapfels.

The only potential incident, which went off without a hitch, was getting the McNairs off the dock against a strong on-dock wind. In the dark of night, they demonstrated their seamanship skills narrowly missing a piling with their bow pulpit and cruising off unscathed.

Racing Rundown

By Bob Seay



1st Place Winners from left; Brad Hill-Oras, Colin Mackensie-Beagle, Bill Paul-Rebecca, Charlie Hutchinson-White Lightning, Tom Price-Hyder Alley, and Dave Prucnal and crew-Ultra Violet

We have wrapped up another exciting and successful summer racing season on the Magothy. I would like to express our appreciation to all of the participating clubs. Special thanks go out to Mark Walker for handling the racing gear, Mike Mullarky for handling Protest Chair responsibilities, Ed Tracey as official scorer, Roger Bartholomee for taking care of the racing marks, and to Dave Prucnal for managing a great Wednesday Night Series. (Racing continued on Page 4)

Racing Rundown

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Thanks also to everyone who served as race committee for either a Wednesday Night or weekend race. I often hear from folks in the sailing community that we have the best Wednesday Evening program going and it's the volunteers who make it happen.

There were some familiar faces as well as some newcomers in the winner's circle at our end of season awards party held at the Gibson Island Boat House (thanks to Tom Price and the folks at GIYS) on Wednesday, September 19th. Dave Prucnal and the crew of Ultra Violet took home the overall 1st Place award in the strong PHRF A fleet. Tom Price and his Hyder Alley crew edged out George Benisek and Northern Dancer by 1 point to win 1st overall in the PHRF B fleet. Bill Paul and the crew of Rebecca were strong as usual and won 1st for the season in the very competitive PHRF C class. PHRF D was won by Brad Hill and his Oras team after being pushed all summer by Rosebud and Sagacious.

The Non-Spin 1 fleet was won by Colin Mackensie and his crew on Beagle while Charlie Hutchinson on White Lightning took home the honors in Non-Spin 2.

Right now we are thick in the middle of our Frostbite Series.

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We have two fleets, Spin and Non-Spin, and some very exciting racing in usually breezy conditions. There are still a couple of weekends of racing left so if you would like to race come on out. Rendezvous is at 12:30 on Sunday afternoons until November 17th. See the Red Book for Sailing Instructions.

Happenings

Jill McCutchan

The dinner at the Olive Tree on October 7th went well. Our guest speaker Billy Baye was a lot of fun and very lively and was enjoyed by everyone. We had just about 30 people, but I had to give a definite number before the dinner as I called everyone as a reminder so some people did not show up and we still had to pay for them. My budget does not account for people like this. I wish it did, but unfortunately it doesn't so please pay the 20 dollars a person to Jim if you said you would come. I really appreciate all the help I can get.

Also don't forget we have another membership meeting coming up on Nov.4th Thurs. 6:30 with a Pizza Party at Bella Napoli on Mountain Road. It is 10 dollars per person with Bill Shellenberger as our guest speaker. He will talk about his book *Cruising the Chesapeake: A Gunkholer's Guide*. Is that not a catchy name? He will show slides of his travels on the Bay for the past 35 years with an emphasis on the natural and physical history of the surroundings, wildlife and people with respect to the Bay's fragile ecosystem. I did this meeting for the kids because one of them attended in April asked if we could do this again. I will contact you if you do not get a hold of me. Remember I am not having more than 40 so first come first serve. Don't wait too long to call me.

There is a Membership meeting On Dec. 2nd at the Belvedere Yacht Club with wine, beer and lovely treats brought by everyone. Elections of officers will be introduced so please come and cheer them on.

The Parade of Lights is scheduled for Dec.11 around early evening so bring some goodies to share at the Marriot in Annapolis and lets have some holiday cheer.

The best of them all yet to come is the Commodore's Ball on Jan. 15. Please keep this date available because I would love to have as many members as we can and I promise it will be the best time ever. I look forward to seeing you all soon at one oif the fun times coming up. Call to sign up for one or all. If not, I will be calling you. Thanks again for being such a great MRSA.

Classifieds

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

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. Consistent winner in PHRF or MORC on the Chesapeake. Asking \$18,000. Contact Tom Price (410) 437-5897 email tprice@usna.edu

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

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 e-mail SailingDr@aol.com

FOR RENT - Waterfront Cottage on Huntington Creek off Grays Inn Creek. 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

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 or Email at ellerbrake@nase.org Finders fee to any MRSA member who finds a buyer.

'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

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.

'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 details.

November Calendar

11/04/04 - General Membership Meeting, Bella Napoli

11/07/04 - Hallie Rice Frostbite Race 4

11/14/04 - Hallie Rice Frostbite Race 5

12/02/04 - General Membership Meeting
Belvedere Yacht Club

Nominating Committee Report *Al Kirkendall*

With one position left to fill, the nominating committee still has some work to do. The following list of nominees for the elected board positions and committee heads will be presented at the December Wine and Cheese party. Thanks to all who volunteered to lead MRSA next year. An email will be distributed with a complete listing prior to the December meeting.

Commodore	John Lund
Vice Commodore	TBD
Rear Commodore	Bob Seay
Fleet Captain Cruising	Laura Bonham
Fleet Captain Jr Training	Rich Hughes/Sue Kirkendall
Secretary	Kathy Dougan
Treasurer	Jim McCutchan
Immediate Past Commodore	Sheryl McNair
Race Committee Chairperson	Gene Gottschalk
Membership	Ed & Peggy Poe
Webmaster	Mike Mullarky
Fleetmaster	John Taylor
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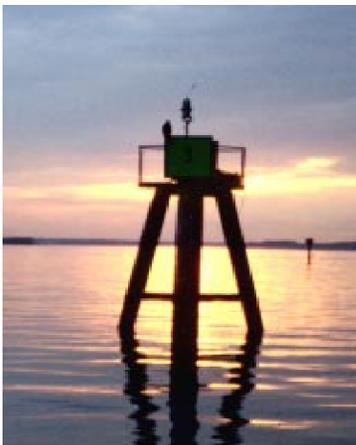


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