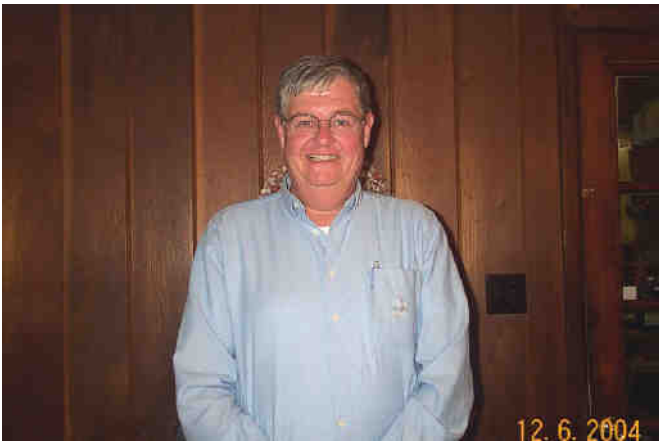


The Old Man

The Monthly Newsletter of the Magothy River Sailing Association 30TH ANNIVERSARY 1974 -2004 January 2005

Happy New Year! Our New 2005 Officers



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Commodore



Diane Jackins
Vice Commodore



Gene Gottschalk
Race Chair



Commodore John Luna

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Commodore's Comment

By the time you are reading this the holidays will be over but not forgotten. As the days finally begin to get longer, it's only 3 months or so until most of us will begin to get the boat ready for the summer. During the first quarter there is a lot to do to prepare for the sailing season. Planning done now will insure a great season.

As the new commodore, I am not going to try to get racers to cruise and cruisers to race. That has been tried. I only want to insure that whatever you interest in sailing is, we have your activities planned to make this a great year. For those who remember Magothy Madness – stay tuned. I would love to revive the most unique event on the bay! If anyone has an idea for a new event please let any BOG member know. This is the time get it in the schedule.

The BOG has many projects in the works. Webmaster Mike Mularky is working on a new website with many bells and whistles. Jill McCutchan is putting the final touches on the upcoming Commodores Ball. Another year of junior training is in the planning stage. This month we have to approve the new budget. Both race planning and cruise planning activities are in the works. And all of this has to come together in time for the Redbook to be published.

Please plan to join in the winter activities of your club at the Commodores Ball, Cruise Planning Party, Race Planning Party and Sunday Brunch. In no time at all we will be thinking of warm weather and getting the boats ready for the season.

Happenings

Jill McCutchan

The membership meeting was a delightful meeting at the Belvedere Club. Thanks to the Wilson's for all their help in setting up the evening for us. It was so nice to meet the new board members and it looks like we will have a dynamic group of people working for the club in 2005. We had about 40 people with a lot of delicious appetizers and desserts. Thanks Laura for getting us there finally Ha! ha! and for all your help in unloading and loading the crates in my car along with the Dorf's. We missed you if you did not make it. It takes so many special people to make my job as vice-commodore easier this year . The Parade of Lights was a huge success. We had about 40 people coming and going at the Marriott this year. The boats were lovely and such a clear night that you could see every which way. The appetizers again were delicious along with the cookies the Malarkey's sent. We did not have much left over so if you did not make it this year you missed out on a fun evening so make sure you put it on your schedule for next year. It is like starting the Christmas season off right. Last , but not

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least don't forget the Commodore's Ball on Sat. Jan. 15 at the Gibson Island Yacht Club. It will be \$50.00 per person and if your money is not into me by Jan. 4th the cost goes up to \$60.00. It starts with appetizers at 6:30 so get there early and let's have some social hour first. I am trying to make a deal with the drinks so I will do the best I can to defray that cost. The invitations are in the mail so look for yours and if I missed you please forgive me, but call me at 410-360-1163. I look forward to seeing everyone there. If you have any questions feel free to drop me a line. Those people who have their flags from their office this year please bring them to the Jan. 3rd meeting so we can present them at the Ball. Thank you so much for a wonderful year and I look forward to thanking you personally at the Ball.

Classifieds

13' Boston Whaler, 1991 with 2002 Merc 40 HP and 2001 Precision trailer. Bimini, fitted storage cover, anchor, lines and nice gear bag containing PFD's, cushions, horn, flashlights, etc. Kept on lift -- no bottom paint. Classic Whaler in excellent condition. \$5750. Contact Bill Van Wambeke at 410-437-8992 or vanwambeke@msn.com.

Lippincott 30', well kept, maint. logs avail. 13HP Yanmar diesel, covered wheel. LectraSan, RF, depth, wind (speed/direction), VHF. Shoal draft. Press water. New adj backstay and genoa. 4 sails. Comfortable family cruiser and race winner, 6'2" headroom, sleeps 5-6. \$27,500 Days 410-412-8320 or 410-795-0654 eves/weekends or JOHUBBS@EROLS.COM for data sheet, photos

2004 Goose Cruise

Harvey Paskin

The weather for this year's Goose Cruise was a mixture of everything imaginable. Clear, windy (15-20 out of the south west) on Saturday and Sunday with periods of clouds, thunderstorms, and darkness over the two-day event. A total of 11 boats made the bay crossing and beat down the Chester River in 2-3 foot seas and then ran or broad reached from G-9 into Grays Inn Creek. With the strong winds and prospects of rain, we decided to raft in singles or pairs, and Dick Kammann, Al Kirkendall, and Rich Hughes volunteered to do water taxi service with their dingys.

We gathered on LCHAYIM for hors d'oeuvres, and a mighty offering it was; a veritable feast after which no dinner was required. As the food was waning a thunderstorm was waxing. The wind picked up and the revelers scrambled to get back to their boats to close up and prepare for possible anchor drills. A few hardy soles remained aboard LCHAYIM, and the Bonhams and Poes, who were late getting into the anchorage, soon joined them. We only managed to get to stage 1, no matter how hard we tried. Hot cider with rum could not produce the effects of Tony Torres' daiquiris, which alas did not make it to the event. The wind blew pretty hard during the night, and we were thankful we had the foresight to form small rafts early.

The geese certainly did not disappoint us on this cruise. They were everywhere; on the water and in the air. We were even treated to a rainbow as the rain squall passed. In the morning, a doe and fawn made an appearance on the shore to round out the wildlife display.

The winds and seas for the sail back were not the most favorable for either speed or comfort. 15-20 gusting to 25 from the southwest made it a real slog out the Chester and across the bay. Seems like its either feast or famine with winds for the Goose Cruise, but kudos to the hearty crews on Ravenous, April Fool, Spar Trek, Light Spray, My Fair Lady, Frequent Flier, Jazz, Flying Low, Elan, and Fantastic for making the voyage.

CRUISE TO MILL CREEK OFF WHITEHALL BAY

Phil Haskell

At 0700, October 2nd, the marine weather forecast called for thunderstorms, high winds, lightning, and hail. I had serious thoughts of canceling the cruise. SURPRISE!!! As it turned out, the winds were light, and no rain, lightning, thunder, and hail.

We had a two-boat cruise: *FLYING LOW* with Al, Sue, and Andy Kirkendall and *MY FAIR LADY* with Elaine and Phil Haskell (and Higgins). We motored to Mill Creek, rafted up, and then had dinner at nearby Cantler's Restaurant where we feasted on fresh Maryland Crabs.

Sunday was an excellent sailing day. With winds between 10-15 knots, we sailed back to the Magothy. In conclusion, the weather was friendly, the company was great, and the food was excellent.

JOIN THE FUN!
February Cruise Planning/Pot Luck Dinner

Saturday, February 12, 2005, is the date of our cruise planning/pot luck dinner to be held at the Belvedere Yacht Club, at 6:00 p.m. We will be discussing the new cruising schedule for the upcoming sailing season and attempting to fill the open cruise slots with volunteer cruise leaders.

Those attending with the last names beginning with A thru M, please bring an entrée, and those with last names beginning with N thru Z, please bring a salad or side dish. Please bring the appropriate serving utensils for your dish. Water, soda, coffee, tea, cocoa, beer, wine, cake, and dinnerware will be 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, left on Alameda Pkwy, and then as above.

I would greatly appreciate any volunteers to assist in set up at 5:00 p.m. or tear down/clean up after the event. Please respond if you can assist with your RSVP. RSVP, the Bonhams, at LDBonham@aol.com or 410-439-0507 by Wednesday, February 9.

Lewis Neisner will be there with the Ship's Store to help you select an appropriate Valentine's gift for your sweetheart.

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