



The Old Man

The Monthly Newsletter of the Magothy River Sailing Association

February 2005

The Commodore's Ball



Master of Ceremonies,
Harvey Paskin



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Commodore John Lund

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Commodore's Comment

If you don't have a trip planned to the Caribbean or Key West this winter, you are like most of us, anxiously awaiting the arrival of spring. At this time of year, it's hard to imagine what it will be like in a few months. The only positive thing is that each day is getting a little longer. I am not driving home in complete darkness anymore. Soon it will time to worry about bottom paint and not ice-eaters.

This month we have both the cruise planning party and the race planning party. At least we can briefly think about a better time of year. The cruising schedule will be unveiled and everyone will have the opportunity to sign up to lead a cruise or activity. Even if you are not going to lead a cruise it's a great time to socialize.

We have renewed our membership in CBYCA for 2005. This is an organization of yacht clubs and sailing associations on the bay, some of which have facilities on the water. Members have agreed to give other members reciprocal privileges. For anyone that is planning a cruise anywhere on the bay, keep in mind that as a member of MRSA you may be allowed access to other clubs. We will get list of these clubs in the coming months.

Plan to attend the Sunday Brunch in March at Windows on the Bay. I'm sure Diane Jackins will give us more details on the program next month. So please take time out from your schedule of ski trips and polar bear plunges to attend some of our winter activities.

MRSA annual brunch to be Sunday, March 20 *Diane Jackins*

MRSA will hold it's annual brunch on Sunday, March 20 at Windows on the Bay. In addition to the good food and camaraderie that this event is known for, we'll also have an outstanding speaker. Bob Seay, our own rear commodore and some of his crew will speak about their harrowing experience and rescue during last year's Annapolis-Bermuda Race. Come and hear Bob talk about what went right, what went wrong, and lessons learned that are applicable to MRSA racers and cruisers alike. Cost of the brunch will be \$21, which includes tax and gratuity. More details to follow in next month's Old Man.

CBYRA Race Committee Positions *Gene Gottschalk*

The MRSA Race Committee, in the interest of providing outstanding race committee service for prestigious Chesapeake Bay Yacht Racing Assoc. events in the Northern Bay area for which MRSA is well known, is recruiting MRSA members to form the nucleolus of a highly trained race committee team. We are looking for people not currently participating in CBYRA Bay racing interested in filling these highly visible, prestigious positions. The people selected will represent MRSA in a number of Bay races. MRSA will pay the cost of training and seminar tuition. Those interested should contact the Rear Commodore, Bob Seay or Race Committee Chairman Gene Gottschalk for additional information or to apply for a position. We are specifically looking for two people to train for Primary Race Official and two race committee crew bosses We are also looking for race committee crew to work the RC boat,signals, and timing on the Race Committee boats.

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 410-265-1449 or 410-795-0654 eves/weekends or JOHUBBS@EROLS.COM for data sheet, photos
MRSA in Your Neighborhood Newsletter



Consider spreading the word about MRSA by running an ad or the above "business card" in your neighborhood newsletter. Contact Kathy Dougan secretary@magothysailing.com with details and to obtain the electronic file for this card or a text ad. Nominal ad fees may be reimbursed.

Ladies' Fashion Scarves

Handmade, with your choice of color(s) and materials. Contact Laura at ldbonham@aol.com or 410-439-0507.

Webmaster Report *Mike Mullarky*

For the benefit of the members who are not on the e-mail list, the old MRSA web site had been hosted by SailNet at no cost. We can't argue with the price, but our reliance on the site for information, technical problems with our hosts, and recent management changes at SailNet have encouraged us to pursue other options.

The new website has been launched and just like a new boat, it will need some tuning and parts installed after the launch, but it will be functional. Please drop an e-mail to the webmaster address if you notice any problems with the site, or have suggestions to improve it.

A recent examination of the MRSA Membership E-mail List revealed that many members, with e-mail addresses listed in the Red Book, are not subscribed. This list is used for reminders about club activities and other short messages pertaining to club business. If you did not receive a recent message about our new web site, and would like to be added to this list, just send a request to webmaster@magothysailing.com.

2005 Junior Training Update *Rich Hughes and Sue Kirkendall*

Mark your calendars! The contract is signed with Grachur Club and the dates are set – June 20 – July 2, 2005. Applications will be available in the Red Book and on the website in March. We will begin accepting applications April 1st. Carefully watch The Old Man for further information. Remember all openings were filled by the end of April in 2004!

Dobbin's Island Update *excerpts from Paul Spadro's letter to the community*

The Magothy River Association has been working on several fronts to preserve the island. We have worked to build consensus among many of our State legislators – Speaker Mike Busch and Delegate Cadden in particular -- for the need to purchase this island for public use. A number of surrounding community associations, marinas, restaurants and boaters visiting the island have echoed their support. I want to stress that our intent is not to "take" this island from the current owner, but to get him a fair and reasonable price from the State.

To that end, we have established the Dobbins Island Defense Fund. Your contribution to this effort could be critical to saving the island for public use. We need your help. If you also agree that Dobbins Island should be protected, please send a donation to the Dobbins Island Defense Fund, care of the Magothy River Association, P.O.Box 550, Severna Park, MD. 21146.

Editor's note: To read the complete letter visit www.magothyriver.org

JOIN THE FUN! February Cruise Planning/Pot Luck Dinner *Laura Bonham*

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.

Calendar

Feb 7
BOG Meeting

Feb 12
Cruise Planning Party

Feb 16
Race Planning Meeting
at Ledos in Severna Park at
7:00 PM

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save money for the
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activities. Thanks**

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