



The Old Man

The Monthly Newsletter of the Magothy River Sailing Association

March 2005



Cruise Planning Party!

Good Weather, Excellent Food, Fine Spirits, Inviting Cruises!!!

The mild winter weather and the excellent publicity regarding our party on our new website and "Old Man" surely helped to encourage the 80 plus people, a record crowd, to attend our annual Winter Planning Party at Belvedere Yacht Club. Thanks to everyone for your fine food contributions, good conversation, and your willingness to fill our 2005 cruise schedule with a captain's name for each of our planned 18 cruises. A special thanks to Jim and Verna Wilson who graciously make us comfortable at Belvedere YC and aid in set up and clean up for each and every party we have there.

We had many new members and guests tonight including Jim and Peggy Jarvis of the Mil Bur Community, Jim Burns, a former member who is joining again, Burry and Wendy Vanderveer, Debbie Holt, Bob Bell and Shirley Sharkey, Chuck and Ivelisse Martinez-Beck, former members, introduced by the Torres'.

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Pictures taken by Mike Bonham

New Members from left to right:

Jim & Peggy Jarvis
Debbie Hott
Bob Bell & Susan Sharkey
Jim Burns
Burry & Wendy Vanderveer



Commodore John Lund

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Commodore's Comment

The Cruise Planning and Race planning are complete. The RED BOOK is almost ready to go to press. Plans are being finalized for Junior Training and we are looking for instructors. In anticipation of the season and all the activities everyone is in a waiting mode. We are waiting for warmer weather to sand and paint the bottom. We are waiting for launch day and the first sail.

While I'm looking forward to the March Brunch, I'm waiting anxiously for the Sock Burner that really signifies the beginning of the season for me. Even if it's still a little cold and we have to get warm by the fire, it means that the season has begun. Be sure to have your boat ready by then or come by land. By the time the next Old Man is published, some of the waiting will be over and I at least hope to be working on the boat and almost ready to launch.

Just a reminder--

Anyone, who has not yet sent in their membership renewal, please do so immediately. If you really hurry you might be in time for the RED BOOK. Also remember that member families get first priority for junior training registration. If have not been participating in club activities and just want to stay in touch you can be an inactive member and still receive the Old Man.

John Luna

Commodore's Ball

The Commodore's Ball was a huge success at Gibson Island Yacht Club with lovely table wine for everyone and a little take home reminder of our great club from my sister Sue . We had 74 people with some new comers, visitors, and longtime old friends we haven't seen in a while. Our great DJ Dave Chester was spinning those songs and getting us up and out of our seats. I want to thank Harvey Paskin for being such a great MC, but most of all I want to thank each and everyone of you for making this year such an experience that I will never forget. I have never had so many lovely comments and notes of thank-you's in my entire life including my 32 years of teaching, so God Bless you all. Jim was so amazed about how well I did with my budget that I got an extra large Valentine's Card this year. Love you , Past Vice-Commodore Jill McCutchan

Jill McCutchan

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. 4sails. 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

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

Racing Crew Wanted
Endless Summer, a 29 foot Aphrodite racer/cruiser that rates PHRF 159 and races in the Wednesday Night Non-spinnaker class. Boat is kept in Severna Park on Old Man Creek. Contact Alan Weiss, 410-544-1986 or SailingDr@aol.com

CHEZ CHAOS is coming up for sale in early summer. Great party house on the water on Old Man Creek with decks, bulkhead, dock with slip and lift. 523 Norwich Road in Severna Park. For more info, please call Roger Seal at 443-994-4532.

Cruise Planning Party *continued from Page 1*

Our theme for our 2005 cruises will be "Music." Each cruise captain will chose some type of music background, program, sing along, etc., to accentuate his/her cruise.

Following this article, you will find the new cruise schedule. Some changes for this season will be that the Sockburning will also be our New Member's Cruise. MRSA and PSA will hold a joint cruise at the PSA site with a "Blessing of the Fleet" conducted on the water close to Blackhole Creek. A Women's and Men's Cruise will be conducted. A return of Magothy Madness will be a highlight of our August schedule with a Full Moon Cruise to kick it off the night before. The Frostbite Cruise will be a combination cruise/monthly meeting in October.

Lewis Neisner offered Valentine deals from the Ship's Store all evening.

Our cruise leaders for 2005 were awarded during a drawing with various prizes graciously donated by the following local businesses: Ace Hardware, Pasadena, Adams' Ribs, Severna Park, Amy's Hallmark Store, Pasadena, Angel's Food Market, Pasadena, Bella Napoli Italian Restaurant, Pasadena, Boat US, Annapolis, Boat US, Glen Burnie, Brewster's Ice Cream, Pasadena, Cheshire Crab, Pasadena, Cobe Marine, Pasadena, Dawson's Liquor Store, Severna Park, Lista's Restaurant, Pasadena, Romano's Restaurant, Glen Burnie, Rumor's Retreat Salon, Pasadena, and West Marine, Glen Burnie. We sincerely thank each and every one of these businesses for their contributions and support of MRSA.

Laura Bonham, Fleet Captain Cruising

Junior Training – June 20 to July 1 *Sue Kirkendall*

Push away the darkness of winter and turn your thoughts toward warm, breezy days and lots of children on the water learning a lifetime sport, SAILING ! Register for MRSA Junior Sail Training Camp. Applications will be available in the Red Book (distributed at the March Brunch 3/20) and on line by the last week in March. IMPORTANT! First openings go to currently registered MRSA and Grachur Club members, so renew your membership NOW. Registrations will be accepted beginning April 1, 2005. Priority is given to MRSA and Grachur Club members until April 20, then new member families until May 1, at which time all applications will be considered with the same priority. There was a waiting list for the 2004 Junior Training. Questions? Contact Rich Hughes (410-757-6018, fantastic@comcast.net) or Sue Kirkendall (410-437-3630, alkirkendall@cs.com)

2005 MRSA CRUISE SCHEDULE

Date	Cruise	Cruise Leader
7 – 8 May	Sockburning – New Members Cruise - Broad Creek – Magothy	Sheryl/Wes McNair
14 - 15 May	PSA/MRSA Joint Cruise & Blessing of the Fleet	Ed/Peggy Poe
28, 20, 30 May	Memorial Day Cruise – Wye River Compound - EYC/MRSA	Rich/Toni Hughes
11 – 12 June	Women’s/Men’s Cruise Untold destinations (TBD)	Women – Debbie Lund Men – Fred Betz
25 – 26 June	Bodkin Creek	Jim/Jill McCutchan
2, 3, 4 July	St. Michael’s via San Domingo Creek	Al/Sue Kirkendall
4 July	Start of one-week cruise	Al/Sue Kirkendall
16 – 17 July	Annapolis – creek TBD	Phil/Elaine Haskell
30 -31 July	Corsica River Cruise/Race	Dick/Maryann Kammann
1 Aug	Start of one or two-week cruise	John/Debbie Lund
13 – 14 Aug	Worton Creek	Sigi/Myron Dorf
Friday night, 19 Aug	Magothy River Full Moon Cruise Untold destination (TBD)	Mike/Loura Bonham
20 – 21 Aug	MAGOTHY MADNESS to be followed by our August picnic	John Lund
3, 4, 5 Sept	Labor Day Cruise Grey’s Inn Creek – Chester River	Beth Van Fossen
17 – 18 Sept	Dessert Cruise – Baltimore	Stu/Vicki Timerman
1 – 2 Oct	Rhode River	Cheryl McNair
15, 16 Oct	Goose Cruise - Langford Creek Chester River	Tony/Dee Torres
29, 30 Oct	Frostbite Cruise – Cheshire Crab – Bodkin Creek & November Monthly Membership Meeting	Lewis Neisner

Magothy River Racers Getting Ready

John Hubbs

A few minutes after 7:00 on February 16, Rear Commodore, Bob Seay, called the chaos amid pizza and libations together for the annual spring race-planning meeting, a full house with members from all four clubs.. The racing committee had a robust agenda, sign-up sheet for RC Duty, a page of new PHFR rules and policies, as well as pages from the new MRSA website. After introducing the other eight members of the standing committee, Bob presented the 2004 Hallie Rice Series winners. Drew Dowling, *Encounter*, received the traveling trophy for first in spinnaker class.

The 2005 season racing schedule was presented with a plea for more participation in MRSA-sponsored weekend races, especially the Ham Palmer and Spring Classic events. A third race was added to the sixth series; all races will count, so there are no throw outs to make this a true series. Class splits will probably be like last year – registrations may make a difference. A request to be able move up one class was tabled for future consideration.

The most significant PHRF rule change this year is to allow non-spin vessels with a roller furling credit to fly a second headsail. The Magothy racers present voted to NOT include this change in our local races that are based on *The Red Book* sailing instructions. Other Bay-wide races from the *CBYRA Green Book* may allow this change; read the sailing instructions for Bay races carefully.

Race Committee Chairman, Gene Gottschalk, talked about course selection, always a hot topic for races The key points for the RC skipper to keep in mind are:

1. Check the gear carefully, especially the gun (to be replaced next season). Notify the racing committee if anything is missing so MRSA can replace it.
2. Proceed to the "A" mark to determine the wind direction and velocity before selecting the course. The wind may be quite different off Deep Creek and in Sillary Bay.
3. Use the course selection table in the RC Handbook and set a line at least 600 feet long that is perpendicular to the wind direction.
4. Be sure the yellow flag is amidships at least 7 feet above the cabin top.
5. Use the time from your GPS.
6. When the wind shifts significantly, do not hesitate to postpone the start and reset the course. Be sure to restart the sequence on a 5-minute interval (or multiple thereof).

As usual, the RC Duty sheet was not completely filled out and many of the regulars signed up for their desired dates. The racing committee is looking over the records for the last several years and making assignments for those who have not fulfilled their responsibility recently. You will be notified well in advance of your RC Duty assignment – do not let your fellow racers down. This is an all-volunteer organization, please carry your share of the duties. Plenty of support is available from the racing committee, if you are not yet comfortable handling the duties.

Webmaster Mike Mullarky presented screens from the new website and asked members to logon and use the new site – www.magothysailing.com. Ed Poe, our Membership Co-chair (and Rear Commodore of Potapskut Sailing Association, PSA) talked about getting more people involved with sailing on the Magothy. PSA is sponsoring seminars on family sailing, boat gadgets, and an introduction to racing. Ed engaged the group in some games with door prizes. Tom Price (Rear Commodore of the Gibson Island Yacht Squadron) made a brief pitch for the double-handed race to Swan Point before Bob closed the meeting with a reminder that we'll be racing in nine weeks.

Annual brunch – March 20, 2005 at Windows-on-the-Bay *Diane Jackins*

What more appropriate spot for MRSA's March brunch than Windows-on-the-Bay with its great water views of Rock Creek? Speaking of water, if you've spent any time on the water, you've been through at least one harrowing storm. Few of us, however, have experienced the ultimate bad day at sea--when the weather and the seas become overpowering and the captain and crew decide to leave the boat. Come hear our own rear commodore, Bob Seay speak about his experience during the Annapolis – Bermuda race, the decision to abandon ship, and the experience that ensued.

Here are the particulars:

- Date: Sunday, March 20
- Time: 11:30
- Place: Windows-on-the-Bay, Pasadena, Maryland
- What: Brunch fare –eggs, sausage, French toast, and the like, plus pasta primavera, grilled mahi mahi, fruit, ceasar salad and other goodies
- Cost: \$21 for adults and \$10 for children under 12 (prices increase to \$26 and \$13 respectively for reservations received after the due date)
- Reservations: Contact Sheryl McNair at 410-437-8998 or ammcnair@yahoo.com
- Due date: March 12, 2005. Reservations are non-refundable.
- Directions: Take Fort Smallwood Road (Md 173) towards Fort Smallwood for several miles past the intersection of Hog Neck Road. Turn left at Colony Drive and follow to the restaurant.

April 7 meeting at Bella Napoli – Poplar Island Project

If you have raced or sailed past Poplar Island the last few years, you have probably noticed that Poplar Island is changing—growing in fact. Come to MRSA's next meeting, set for April 7 and hear Mark Mendelsohn, a biologist with the Army Corps of Engineers talk about what's happening with this popular landmark.

INFORMAL INTERPRETATION OF RACING RULES *Drew Dowling*

I am sure many of us who race on the Magothy have encountered situations where there appears to be a rule infraction and yet we hesitate to protest since we are not sure how the rules would be interpreted by a protest committee. We plan to initiate a mechanism this year to allow racers to informally report these situations and obtain an interpretation from some of the more experienced racers on the Magothy. As protest committee chairman I will act as the focal point to receive informal requests for rule interpretations and forward them to members of the protest committee for interpretation. Members of the protest committee who have agreed to participate are Tom Price, Dave Prucnal, Randy Richter, Ed Tracy and Mike Mullarky

The procedure is as follows: anyone wishing an interpretation should e-mail me (use protests@magaothysailing.com) with the details of the situation that occurred with as much detail as possible. I will forward the descriptions I receive to selected members of the protest committee. We will analyze the situation and provide an informal interpretation by e-mail. We may request some additional information or give a conditional responses. We will attempt to give a response within a few days.

The above procedure assumes a protest has NOT been filed. If a protest is filed we will not offer any opinions. Opinions rendered are only intended to supplement racing rules seminars and not to determine if a reported incident should be protested.

Sailing the Web(site) - Mike Mullarky

This is the first of a continuing series of articles focusing on the MRSA website. This month, we'll cover accessing and finding your way around the site.

The default entry points to our site are <http://www.magothysailing.com> or <http://www.magothysailing.com/index.html>. Most browsers will automatically add the "index.html" if you leave it out. Coming in through this "door" will check the width of your browser window and decide which format to display. If your current window has a width of less than 1100 pixels (the little dots that make up what you see in the window), the website will align its photographs in a single column. If your window is wider, the photographs will be displayed side by side in two columns. This decision is made when you first enter the site, so re-sizing the window will not realign the pictures.

If you do re-size the window, or would like to see the other layout, simply access the site through another address.

<http://www.magothysailing.com/narrow.html> is the "door" that will force the single column display.

<http://www.magothysailing.com/wide.html>

will force the two column display.

The fourth "door" into the site will suppress all of the photographs, making things much faster for anyone with dial-up Internet access.

Use <http://www.magothysailing.com/dial.html> for this entry point.

Once you're in, you should see a line of burgees on the left of your browser window. These burgees, plus the page header and footer, will be a part of most pages on the site. The top burgee will return you to the "Home" page -- the one you saw when you first entered.

News will bring up a page with headlines about upcoming events near the top. Watch for links in these headlines -- perhaps to more information about the event or to help you find your way to them. Below those are permanent links to our publications (the Old Man and Redbook) and to a calendar of club activities.

Cruising, Juniors and Racing will take you to information about those activities, including schedules, results, forms and how to get involved. The Membership link has similar information about our social events and how to join the club.

The Ship's Store burgee will take you to a page with photographs and prices for the MRSA logo merchandise that is available.

Crew Wanted, Crew Available, Wanted, For Rent and For Sale advertisements can be found under the Classified link.

Finally, the Site Map may be useful if you can't find what you are looking for. It also has a list of the entry point links, and credit to the photographers whose work has been used on the site.

Above the burgees is a summary of the current weather in Annapolis, that also serves as a link to <http://www.weatherunderground.com> for more detailed information.

And finally, a couple of points about the photographs on the Home page. They are picked at random, each time that the page displays, from four groups of pictures. One group is from MRSA Cruising events, another from Junior Training activities, the third from various Races, and finally a miscellaneous group. Each photograph also doubles as a link -- clicking on it will take you to the Cruising, Juniors, Racing or News page.

More information about MRSA activities will be posted as it becomes available, but feel free to explore the site anytime. Suggestions for improvement or reports of problems can be e-mailed to webmaster@magothysailing.com. Next month we'll take a look at the Registration and Sign-In processes and why you'd want to bother.

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Jr. Training (ages 9-16)

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 call: Ed Poe 410-296-6428 www.magothysailing.com
<http://mrsa.sunnet.com>



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.

WANTED – A FEW GOOD INSTRUCTORS

There will be a few openings for Junior Training Instructors – June 20 – July 1, 2005. Applicants must be 16 years of age – preference given to former MRSA Junior Training participants. Enjoy sailing, enjoy sharing your love of sailing with kids 9 – 16 years of age? Contact Rich Hughes (410-757-6018, fantastc@comcast.net) or Sue Kirkendall (410-437-3630, alkirkendall@cs.com).

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