



# The Id Man

The Monthly Newsletter of the Magothy River Sailing Association

April 2005

## **MRSA March Brunch**

Fifty-four sailors attended the MRSA's annual brunch on March 20 at Windows-on-the-Bay. The gray skies helped set the tone for Rear Commodore Bob Seay's presentation about his experience with the Annapolis-Bermuda race and his harrowing trip home. In his comments, Bob stressed that you can never plan too much when going offshore. His MRSA crew was experienced, competent, and worked well together; his boat was prepared. He took more than normal precautions by replacing hatches, re-powering the engine, and even having the boat surveyed prior to departure. I guess the moral of the story was that, even with a good crew, (one was a retired search-and-rescue Coastie) and prudent precautions, things happen. Bob kept the attendees spellbound with his discussion of the uncharted and building storm, the effect of the storm on the boat and crew (fatigue), the rendezvous with a freighter for more fuel, conversations with the Coast Guard, and finally, the rescue at sea by the Coast Guard. It was quite a presentation. Thanks Bob, for sharing your experience with us. Thanks also to Sheryl McNair for helping with the brunch and to Windows-on-the-Bay for proving us with a fabulous setting and a great buffet.

*Diane Jackins*

## **Moving On**

The Club received a gracious note from Peggy Powers expressing her thanks to the MRSA for "good friends and happy sailing days." As she moves out of the Magothy area to the Annapolis area, she will cherish the memories and friends she and her husband, Tom, made in the Club.

We wish you all the best, Peggy!

## **Sockburning/Shakedown/New Members Cruise**

It's spring, and that means that summer isn't far behind. I can't believe it while I'm writing this, but I hope that the cold will be finally gone, and we can safely shed our socks at the annual Shakedown/Sockburning Cruise on the Magothy's Broad Creek. This is the first MRSA cruise of the year, and you may come by boat or land, bring guests, your socks to burn, an hors d'oeuvres to share, and your own drink/s. Makings for S'mores will be provided, but you have to gather your own sticks to roast the marshmallows. Due to scheduling difficulties, we aren't getting the season started until May (aghast!) 7<sup>th</sup> this year. For those overnighing in the creek, it's a lovely area to explore, and you'll have plenty of time to make it home early for Mother's Day on Sunday.

All new (and not-so-new) members are encouraged to attend. The location is nearby, this is an excellent chance to make sure your boat is ready for the season, and, if it's not, you can still use your land-boat. Raft-up will be on Looper's beach, at Broad Creek, at 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 7th. To help you recognize the location, and to burn the socks, there will be a bonfire on the Looper Beach, located on the western shore of Broad Creek, past the numerous piers. If you can't see the bonfire, note the MRSA cruising flag on the pier, and the small, roofed pavilion on the beach, just prior to an uninhabited area. In the past, some boaters have not paid strict attention to their charts, and have run aground by the Glass House, or on the shoal that protrudes from the western shore.

If you have to resort to sailing your land-boat, use the following directions. Go east on Route 100 towards Gibson Island, until it merges with Mountain Road, Route 177. Turn right on North Shore, (past the fire station on the left and elementary school on right) and stay straight on Eagle Hill where North Shore bends to the left. Immediately after reaching the top of the hill, look for the first chance to turn left. There will be a placard posted with MRSA on it. If you are coming this way, drive a car that can handle rough roads, or you may wish to park before you come down through the woods, and walk down.

Feel free to bring frisbees, balls, kites for any accompanying children, and/or sand buckets & shovels. I'm sure the water will be cold, but if it's a warm enough day, maybe some will brave the cold and go for a swim. The water there is shallow, with a sandy beach. In the past, we've even had a brave junior sail there in her Byte!

No entries have been received for the sockburning ritual contest. If anyone has a good original poem or song, or prose to accompany our sockburning, please submit it so that we can use it. The winning entry will receive a prize.

Please call Sheryl or Wes McNair at 410-437-8998 or email [sammcnair@yahoo.com](mailto:sammcnair@yahoo.com) or [mcnair4@comcast.net](mailto:mcnair4@comcast.net) for further information. While reservations aren't necessary, it will help us plan if we know who's coming, and notify people if inclement weather necessitates change.

*Sheryl McNair*

## Commodore's Comment



*Commodore John Lund*

Launch dates for many of us are fast approaching and the weather is still not cooperating. Several people I talked to at the Brunch on are to launch this week. Let's pray the weather gods are good to us the next few weekends.

Having spent the last month taking a course in preparation to take the test for a Coast Guard Captains License, I am amazed at how much information there is to learn. Having spent close to 50 years messing about boats on the bay still doesn't prepare you for how much you have not been exposed to. I would recommend updating your knowledge on a constant basis.

Speaking of testing your knowledge, I have gained some great (and devious) ideas to incorporate into Magothy Madness. Mark your calendars and dust off your copy of Chapmans.

The sock burning in Annapolis was March 18. Our Sock Burning is May 7-8 on Broad Creek led by the McNairs. Mark your calendar and plan to attend. If the weather keeps you from coming by boat, you can reach it by car. Come and meet and welcome our newest members. See you there!

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MRSA is a member of CBYRA, CBYCA, and  
Boat U.S. (Member #GA 80366 S).

## New Members - John Lund

The BOG approved five new members last month. They are:

Burry and Wendy Vandervees who have 15 years sailing experience and own a 41' Island Trader. They have sailed the Great Lakes, Florida Keys, Long Island Sound and the Chesapeake.

Jim Burns who has a Mason 43 and is interested in cruising and junior training.

John and Doris Maliszewski who have an Oday 22 and are interested in both cruising and racing.

Jim and Peg Jarvis have been sailing since childhood and currently have a dock and no boat. They are interested in racing and cruising.

Robert Bell and Susan Sharkey have a Jeanneau 43, many years of sailing experience and are interested in participating in all of our activities.

Please join me in welcoming them to MRSA and be sure to say hello at the next club event you attend.

## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

### Miscellaneous

WheelPilot 30 Simrad w/remote \$500

Dingy Davits Kato Marine Island model \$500

Spinnaker 50'X23' never used \$700

EAM 4-5 man Lift Raft \$500

Spinnaker and Pole for Catalina 27 \$100

Anchor 22lb Delta \$100

Contact Andy Bassler 410-255-9229 or [aebassler@yahoo.com](mailto:aebassler@yahoo.com)

## Junior Training – June 20 to July 1

READY, SET ,GO – All members MUST register children for Junior Training beginning April 1<sup>st</sup>. Priority is given to MRSA and Grachur Club members until April 20, then new member families until May 1<sup>st</sup>. after May 1<sup>st</sup> all applications will be considered with the same priority. We are limited to 40 students. There was a waiting list in 2004. QUESTIONS? Contact Rich Hughes or Sue Kirkendall on the MRSA website.

*Sue Kirkendall*

## ATTENTION ALL WOMEN

The women's cruise is back! For the weekend of June 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>, the women of MRSA will have their own cruise. If you are interested in participating in the cruise, please contact Debbie Lund at 410-544-2551. In May, there will be a pre-cruise meeting so we can figure out the destination and who will be Captain and who will be the Crew. We will also decide on the menus for Saturday evening and Sunday brunch. Remember you do not have to feel that you need to take out your boat to participate in the event.

*Debbie Luna*

## The Poplar Island Project April 7 membership meeting

Can you imagine that Poplar Island was once a 1000 acres? Or, that it was once a vacation spot for Presidents Franklin D. Roosevelt and Harry S. Truman? Today, this island that was on the verge of extinction (it was 4 acres in 1994) is "growing" thanks to a restoration project conducted by an interagency team from the US Army Corps of Engineers, Maryland Port Administration, and many other federal and state environmental agencies. The project represents a model for habitat restoration and the beneficial use of dredged material. Come hear Mark Mendelsohn, a biologist with the US Army Corps of Engineers discuss the Poplar Island project--the challenges of rebuilding an island--and island's future at the April 7 membership meeting at Bella Napoli restaurant in Pasadena, Maryland. The time of the event is 7 PM, and the cost (for all the pizza you can eat) is \$15 for adults and \$10 for children under 10. For reservations, please call Diane Jackins at 410-544-3657 by April 2.

## Blessing of the Fleet – May 14

This year, we're going to try something different for our May meeting. We're going to join forces with Patapskut Sailing Association (PSA) and hold a joint blessing of the fleet. This event will be held in conjunction with a previously scheduled MRSAcruise. Stay tuned for more information.

*Diane Jackins*

**Magothy River Sailing Association** 

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*Come join us!*

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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](mailto: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](mailto:fantastc@comcast.net)) or Sue Kirkendall (410-437-3630, [alkirkendall@cs.com](mailto:alkirkendall@cs.com)).

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