



# The Id Man

The Monthly Newsletter of the Magothy River Sailing Association

May 2005

## Junior Training Sailing Camp Filling Fast

Rich Hughes

This year's Junior Training Sailing Camp will again be held on the beautiful grounds of The Grachur Club on the upper Magothy River. The dates for the camp are June 20th through July 1<sup>st</sup>. Last year we increase the number of students that we can accommodate at the camp to 40. We plan to have that same number of students this year.

The flood-gated opened on April 1 for receipt of applications for this year's Junior Training Sailing Camp and as of the writing of this article on April 10, the camp is over 50% filled. We had a very successful camp last year and it appears that our young sailors are ready to get out on the water again this year.

We are able to continue this outstanding youth program because of the involvement of the parents in the program. For each student, a parent is expected to spend one day at the camp. The parental duties center primarily around the lunch time to give the instructors time for their lunch and to organize the afternoon activities. Additionally, the parents participate in boat preparation parties prior to the camp as well as helping with the picnic on the last day of the camp. We will notify parents as soon as possible of the dates for the boat preparation activities and will try to keep them as brief as possible.

I encourage everyone who is interested in the camp to get their applications in as soon as possible. I fully expect to have a full camp before May 1<sup>st</sup>.

## April meeting at Bella Napoli

Diane Jackins

Pizza, salad, and a great presentation about a Bay landmark—is that enough to whet the sailing appetite or what? Thirty-five MRSA sailors came to Bella Napoli in April to hear Mark Mendelsohn, a biologist with the Army Corps of Engineers discuss the Poplar Island restoration project. The goal of this project—to take the island back to its 1847 footprint of 1,110 acres (from its present 4), includes many federal, state, and local entities, may serve as a model for similar projects in the Bay and across the nation.

While building an island is a challenging goal in itself, reaching this goal will help balance the needs of both man and the environment, something that is not often the case with marine issues. In this case, dredged material from the maintenance of the Baltimore harbor, the disposal of which has been a challenging problem in the past, will be used to restore an island that will in turn provide habitat and nesting sites for birds and some endangered species, as well as the restoration of 800 acres of submerged aquatic vegetation. (One of Mr. Mendelsohn's slides included an eagle atop some of the dredged material. The eagle landed shortly after the material was deposited on the island and has subsequently taken up residence.) After listening to our speaker's comments and viewing the slides, I know I'll never view Poplar Island the same again.



Poplar Island and Hungry Sailors

## New Members

John Lund

The BOG voted last month to extend membership to three prospective members. Please welcome:

Edward Schmitt who has been sailing for 15 years and owns a Pearson 30 and is interested in both cruising and racing.

Judy and John Bonanno who also have a Pearson 30 and plan to do some cruising with MRSA.

Tom and Maria Buckingham who have 3 children and are interested in Junior Training.

If you see any of them at the next MRSA event, please introduce yourself and make them feel welcome.



*Commodore John Lund*

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## **Commodores Comments**

The best thing about May is we have the entire sailing season ahead of us. Racing is just starting. The first cruise is coming up. The boat won't look this good again until next spring. After spending hours working on it, I stand back and look at the hull and bottom and think: "It looks so good, it's a shame to put it in the water." (But, that's not going to happen!)

May is filled with activities. I'll bet all of us can find an old pair of socks left over from winter to burn at the sock burner in Broad Creek next weekend. This is always a fun event and you can come by land or water. I may be calling around to find clothes to borrow befitting a commodore for the Fleet Review in Blackhole Creek.

Whether racing or cruising, plan to attend as many events as you can. Meet some of our new members and socialize with friends you haven't seen in awhile. Hope to see you there.

## **Memorial Day Cruise to the Granery Creek on the Wye River**

Rich Hughes

The destination for the Memorial Day Cruise will be Granery Creek on the Wye River to again join the Eastport Yacht Club and the Chesapeake Bristol Club for the Cut-Throat, Competitive O-Limp-Ic Games at the Wye River DNR Lodge and Grounds. This is the second year that we have been invited to join these two clubs for this fun event. According to last year's attendees, it was a great success. The events to be held on Sunday will include dingy races in the morning, the funny Olympics in the afternoon, followed by the awards ceremony and dinner. There will be entertainment following dinner. A flyer for the list of events is available on the MRSA website.

The grounds are a perfect setting for the event with open grounds for the events, walking trails for those who want to shake out the kinks for the sail on Saturday and a covered pavilion for the dinner and evening entertainment. Granery Creek is a well protected creek located just beyond Shaw Bay and Dividing Creek as you go up the East Branch of the Wye River. However, Granery Creek will fill quickly with the three clubs attending, so come early. If the creek is full, the River is well protected with good holding in the area adjacent to the Camp Grounds.

The dinner will again be an awesome Barbeque Chicken dinner and Potluck so bring a plate to share. The cost of the dinner is \$13.00 per person. Bottled water will be provided throughout the day. If you prefer soda or beer, it's BYO.

The highlight of the weekend is the silly Olympic events. There will be about 7- 8 events and each participating team will be comprised of four athletes?. Each club will help with the management of the events. Help in this case is to lead one of the events for about an hour. When you are not leading an event, you should participate as a competitor.

Plan to come by boat but if it is too far for a sail, then it is easily reached by car. Directions by land will be available on the MRSA Website. See you at Granery Creek on Memorial Day Weekend. Cruise Leaders: Rich and Toni Hughes

## 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)

## Reminder: First Cruise of 2005 Season

Sheryl McNair

The Sockburning/Shakedown Cruise is set for May 7/8. I hope everyone has their boat ready and in the water, and maybe even already "shook down", but, if not, this is a great way to start the season. Please feel free to bring potential members, and I hope that all new members will be able to make this event. We should certainly be able to shed our socks by then! 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. For those overnighting 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. The music theme for this cruise is "Island Music". We won't have a steel drum band, but will try to come close with CDs. If you have a favorite, please bring it with you.

"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. The water will probably 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.

## May 14 meeting to be held at Patapskut Sailing Association

Diane Jackins

This year, we will be holding our May meeting in conjunction with the cruise to Blackhole Creek. In fact, our meeting, which will be a blessing of the fleet, will also be a kick-off for this joint cruise with the Patapskut Sailing Association. Please check the cruise notes from Ed and Peggy Poe for more details. Come by land or by sea (and bring an appetizer to share).

## Racing Rundown

Bob Seay

The Wednesday Evening Series kicked off on April 20<sup>th</sup>. Check the website for results and photos.

The Ham Palmer Fun regatta is set for Saturday May 7, 2005. This regatta is a chance for cruisers and new racers to try out racing and to enjoy some friendly competition. It is also good for experienced racers who want to let other crew members take the wheel (or tiller) or a chance for crew members to try out new positions without the pressure of Wednesday night or CBYRA racing.

The regatta consists of two races (weather permitting) and racers are invited to the annual sock-burning event after the race. More details on the regatta and the sock burning cruise are available in the Red Book or on MRSA's website.

Finally, it's time to get your entries in for the MRSA Region 2 Spring Classic on Saturday, May 21st.

Hope to see you out there...

## Cancellation

Peggy Poe

The Blessing of the Fleet parade, party, and cruise (scheduled for May 14<sup>th</sup>) has been cancelled for this year. Look for this festive event on next year's Cruising calendar!

## Red Book Update Pages

Inserts for the updated member pages are included in this issue of the Old Man

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