



The Old Man

The Monthly Newsletter of the Magothy River Sailing Association

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Men's Cruise has Great Sailing!

Photo and Story by Fred Betz

What a weekend! The south wind on Saturday gave all the five boats of joining the Men's Cruise a great sail to the West River and Galesville. Yes, there were a few tacks, but with the breeze well above the predicted 10 to 15 kts., all arrived well before cocktail hour.

Jon and Mike Mullarky, aboard *Betelgeux*, claimed to be "clewless", and indeed blew out the "clew" ring from their genny with the wind over 20 kts. Jon said that the clew ring was attached with stitching and not imbedded in the sailcloth, and the stitching just let go. The ring stayed with the sheets, but the sail had to be furled, and the iron jib assisted to Galesville. A slightly smaller jib was fitted for the return sail.



The other boats sailing to Galesville were *My Fair Lady*, with Captain Phil Haskell, and Bill Trepp as crew, *Papillion*, Captained by Walt Burmeister, with Wes McNair aboard, *Hebe*, with Bill Hoffman at the helm and Marbury Council and Jim Andrews, Grachur Club friends, as crew, [see photo of *Hebe*, left to right, Jim Andrews, Marbury Council, and Bill Hoffman at the helm], and *Élan*, single-handed by Fred Betz.

Phil Haskell radioed an inquiry as to the time and location of cocktail hour, and in so doing, volunteered his huge cockpit to the group. In a similar manner, Bill Hoffman asked how we would all get to the Pirate's Cove Restaurant for dinner, and found that he had volunteered to provide ferry service and bring all to the restaurant aboard *Hebe*, and then return the cruisers to their vessels after dinner.

The dinner was great... and Mark Walker joined the sailors, but coming by land cruiser. The food, drink and conversation made the entire cruise memorable, with sea tales and just getting to know one another a bit better. And with the late June sunset, we were all safely back aboard our boats before nightfall.

The Chesapeake Bay Swim happened on Sunday, and allowed a casual departure from the quiet Galesville anchorage. The area under the bridge opened to traffic from west to east as the swimmers progressed from Sandy Point to Kent Island. By 2:00 PM, boat traffic was permitted from the main span to the western shore. That's also when the commercial ships hauled anchor and headed north, as announced with eight short blasts of the ship's horn. The Southwest breeze on Sunday was also in the 10 to 15 kts. range, and provided a really nice quartering downwind sail back to the Magothy.

As MRSA sailing weekends go, this had to be at least a "9", and possibly even a "10", as the skies were clear, warm days, a cool night, no thunderstorms, good winds, great sailing, good food and good friends. That's what it's all about!



Commodore John Lund

Commodores Comments

John Lund

By the time you are reading this summer will be almost half over. The longest day of the year is past and the days are getting shorter. But, don't worry, there are a lot of sailing activities coming up. In July alone there's fireworks in St. Michaels on July 4th, there is a trip to Annapolis around the middle of the month and for a great time, try the Corsica River Cruise or Race at the end of the month.

As the season progresses, please remember to send any pictures you take to Joe Jackins. He has promised to put together another of his fabulous slide shows next winter. This time he will be using digital photographs.

The best is yet to come. Magothy Madness is almost here. In only one more short month it will time to experience the most unbelievable event you can imagine on the water. Past winners have little advice as to how to best prepare for this competition. (There really should be an award for the most creative attempt to influence the judging.) The 3rd weekend in August should be fun. Start with Magothy Madness, go the picnic to receive your awards and spend the night in Cornfield Creek. Hope to see you there.

New Members

John Lund

In the last month, the Board has approved two more new members to MRSA. Please welcome Andy Andrews to the club. Andy has been sailing for many years and keeps his Bristol 22 on Cypress Creek. Also welcome James and Deanna Goodman who are active in the racing program with their Catalina 27 kept at Ferry Point Marina.

If you see any of these new members at an upcoming activity, please introduce yourself and welcome them to the club.

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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.

Sails for sale

West Marine Headsail bag, large. 1 yr old, cost \$170. \$100.
Genoa, Scott sail. Bi-radial, 5.1 oz., dacron, hanks. Good condition. Luff-40'6" Leech-39'3" Foot-22'.
Nylon drifter, North sail, half oz. Luff-40'7" Leech-37'5" Foot-24'5".
Best offers for sails. (I've gone to roller furling).
Call Mike, 410-255-2639; e-mail mprucnal@erols.com

Breathe Easy

Bauer Junior II G - SCUBA Air Compressor with Honda 5.5 hp 4 stroke engine. Purchased Jan. 2001. In very good condition, used less than 40 hours. Comes with manuals and nine (9) replacement purification filters. A \$4000 value, asking price \$2500. Call Steve Gardner at 410-647-1653. Seafan35@safe-mail.net.

Good Turnout at the June 10 Evening Picnic

Diane Jackins

Approximately 50 MRSA sailors of various ages met on Friday night June 10 for hot dogs, hamburgers, and other shared fare at the North Shore Beach. The view was outstanding, the weather perfect, and, best of all, we had good wine and plenty of beer. To quote a cliché, a great time was had by all! A very special thanks to Loura Bonham, Peggy and Jim Jarvis, Sigrid and Myron Dorf, and the Kirkendals—Al, Sue, Andy, and Melissa, for their help with the set up and clean up. Special thanks to grillmeister Joe Jackins for bringing his grill, (and doing the honors), and kudos to Jim Jarvis and Mike Mullarky for not only assisting with the clean-up, but also taking the trash home with them. Also, a big tip of the hat goes to Burry Vanderveer for helping with the libations, even when he couldn't attend the party. Thanks to everyone who came and shared the fun that night, and especially those who volunteered their time. I can't help but believe that the number of individuals involved in the picnic contributed to its overall success.

August 20 Picnic to follow Magothy Madness

Diane Jackins

Tired of thinking up new dishes to bring to MRSA events? Never fear. MRSA chefs get the night off at the August picnic, which will be catered by Adams Ribs. The picnic will immediately follow the Magothy Madness event on August 20 and will be held at the Milbur Pavillion off Cornfield Creek.

Enjoy the day roaming the Magothy answering nautical riddles and the evening sauntering up (hands free) to the food table. Cost will be \$15 for adults and \$10 for children under 12. The cost will cover food, beer, wine, and soft drinks. Reservations are due to Diane Jackins by phone or e-mail by August 10.

Racing Rundown

By Bob Seay

If you are interested in racing or crewing Wednesday evenings please come out and join us. You can contact Gene Gottschalk or Bob Seay at race_committee@magothysailing.com for more info.

We are in the thick of racing season and inherent to a competitive fleet like ours are the typical protests that arise during the heat of the race. Remember guys, it's all for fun and just a tiny little pewter cup. I suggest that we race hard and fair and settle our disputes over a beer rather than a protest hearing.

Don't forget to get your entries in for the MRSA/BCYA Sail for Sight Race to Baltimore on July 9th. This is always a great regatta and all proceeds benefit the Foundation Fighting Blindness. Also, here is an early reminder to mark your schedules for the Corsica River Race and Race Back to be held this year on July 30th and 31st. See your CBYRA Green Book or contact Bob Seay at race_committee@magothysailing.com for more information.

4th of July Cruise

Al Kirkendall

The 4th of July Cruise will again be to the Choptank River. The fireworks this year in St Michael's will be on Saturday July 2nd so we will meet for happy hour at 5:30 Aboard *Flying Low* in San Domingo Creek and then take a dingy ride into St. Michaels for the fireworks. Sunday will be a rest day in San Domingo Creek with an early 3:30 happy hour so those that would like to go into St. Michael's for dinner may do so. Another "Most Patriotic Contest" will be judged at this happy hour and prizes will be awarded. The sea nettle pools will be available to cool off if they are needed. Monday morning we can depart for home or other destinations. Please contact Al or Sue Kirkendall at (410) 437-3630, or alkirkendall@cs.com for more information.

The Fireworks Cruise will Immediately Follow the 4th of July Cruise.

Al Kirkendall

Monday July 4th will be the start of the first 1 week Bay cruise. Tentative plans call for leaving San Domingo Creek for Solomon's and getting the anchors down in time to go ashore and watch the Solomon's fireworks Monday night. We will depart on Tuesday for Crisfield and spend 2 nights at Somers Cove Marina and Thursday depart Crisfield for St. Leonard's Creek on the Patuxent River. Friday we will depart for the Choptank River and Saturday Rhodes River where hopefully we will again be able to take in the fireworks that the community puts on there. Sunday we will be departing for home. This should be an enjoyable trip and we look forward to favorable winds and good weather. Please join us by contacting Al or Sue Kirkendall at (410) 437-3630, or alkirkendall@cs.com for more information.

Bodkin Cruise

Phil and Elaine Haskell

The cruise to Bodkin Creek on June 25th and 26th saw six boats meet for festivities and music: cruise leaders, Phil, Elaine and "Higgins" Haskell on *My Fair Lady*; John, Debbie, and "Honey" Lund on *Min Van IV*; Wes and Cheryl McNair on *Merlin*; Mike and Loura Bonham on *Frequent Flyer*; Alan and Andy Kirkendall on *Flying Low*; and Steve and Jane Gardner on *Sea Fan*.

Steve and Jane generously provided their spacious *Island Spirit* cat for our "happy hour(s)" and we got to sit in "real" chairs and stroll to the fore "trampolines" as the mood struck.

The "Name That Tune" and entertainer contest proved to be no chore for some of these sailors and prizes were bestowed.

Most of us found enough wind to have a "genteel" sail up and back. It was a very pleasant weekend with great friends.

Magothy Madness Returns!

George and Carolyn Samps

Following a hiatus of several years, and at the particular urging of Commodore Lund (who claims to have some diabolical ideas to contribute), Magothy Madness is being resurrected. This unique and highly popular event, conceived and launched by Kent Shaffer during the late '80s, was conducted annually for several years. The format is similar to that of a road rally, where contestants will compete in several events that challenge one's nautical knowledge. It consists of solving riddles and puzzles, answering nautical questions, and who knows what else while simultaneously attempting to identify and reach various sites on the river—all within a time limit, because the picnic at Milbur follows. Fabulous prizes are awarded the boats that do well, so participating vessels are encouraged to board large crews in order to benefit from the additional brainpower. Magothy Madness is a great opportunity to get new members involved, at little risk of personal embarrassment if they participate as crew on the boats of veterans, most of whom are beyond being embarrassed.

Don't miss this rare opportunity to:

- o tickle your funny bone
- o tantalize your brain
- o enjoy a day of competitive camaraderie

So, mark your calendar now for Saturday, August 20th and join us for Magothy Madness 2005--and start boning up on your nautical knowledge. Those vessel owners who intend to participate should notify either Kent and Nancy Shaffer (phone: 410-647-6767; e-mail: kent.shaffer@phh.com), or George and Carolyn Samps (phone: 410-437-5337; e-mail: stam793@aol.com) well in advance, so that adequate arrangements can be made.

Corsica River Cruise/Race 2005

Marianne and Dick Kammann

Where can you enjoy an idyllic anchorage, a pavilion, a blue grass band, a delicious chicken and corn-on-the-cob barbecue, dinghy racing, big boat racing, dancing and the usual MRSA camaraderie all together, on one day, in one place?

If you guessed the Corsica River Cruise/Race on July 30th and 31st you're right...sort of. Neither the cruise nor the races go to the Corsica River. Rather, the anchorage is 0.4 miles Southeast of N"20" on the Chester River on the North side of Spaniard Neck. If this sounds confusing, a peek at the chart will make it clear.

It's also perfectly clear that everyone who participates in this event raves about it. It's just a great party with great food!

The event takes place in the pavilion at Conquest Beach and is hosted by the Corsica River Yacht Club. You can't arrive too early because there are dinghy races going on all day. The serious partying begins with the blue grass band *Bittercreek* starting at 1645.

Please let Marianne and Dick Kammann know if you will attend and have dinner (410-647-4332). We have to give CRYC a dinner count to secure the \$14 per dinner discount price.

This year we plan to have a cruiser's fun race independent of the sanctioned CBYRA race. This will be a non-spinnaker event. We'll give you a PHRF rating for the day if you don't have one. Come on out and try your hand at it. There's no yelling; no pressure at the start; and no protests. Sailing instructions will be sent to everyone who wants to participate. Please let us know.

And there will, of course, be prizes for the top cruising racers and maybe even for other activities worthy of recognition!

Junior Racing Returns!

Last year, the Magothy River was the site of some fun and exciting racing by a small group of our juniors every Monday night through most of the summer. Everyone that participated had a great time and improved their sailing skills through a series of informal, fun races using the club's fleet of Flying Juniors. Because the program last year was such a success, we have decided to continue it this year and hopefully for many years to come. In addition to our normal Monday night racing, we are planning on having a regatta in combination with the PSA junior racers. A date for this event will be published as soon as it is available. If you have a junior who is interested in racing and improving their sailing skills, mark your calendars now for Monday nights starting July 11th. Additional information and registration forms will be available at Junior Training and will also be available on our great new web site. If you would like more information about the program, call John Taylor at 410-315-7759.

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