



The Old Man

The Monthly Newsletter of the Magothy River Sailing Association

August 2005

The 4th of July Cruises

The 4th In San Domingo Creek

"Sailing on the Bay doesn't get much better than this, especially in July!", commented one cruiser. The winds made the trip down the Bay quite a refreshing trip. *Spar Trek* and *Frequent Flyer* were the first to arrive at the anchorage. Throughout the afternoon they were joined by *Royale Salute*, *Merlin*, *Great Escape*, *Min Van IV*, *Betelgeux* (Jon was joined by Skip, Mary, and niece Carol), and *Flying Low*. After Happy Hour cruisers elected to visit St. Michaels, swim, grill, or just kick back and relax. Some ventured in for the fireworks and others stayed aboard and viewed fireworks in the creek. Sunday was a day of choice with a very generous invitation from Jeff and Kay Fones for Happy Hour in their backyard of their home. Awards were presented for a variety of achievements of a patriotic nature. Kay and Jeff your home is lovely and what a great setting for our Happy Hour! Monday found some cruisers returning home and some headed on the week's cruise.

Fireworks Cruise

After viewing the fireworks in St. Michael's we continued to Solomon's on July 4th with *Frequent Flyer*, *Betelgeux*, and *Flying Low*. Mike Mularky joined the crew of *Betelgeux* for the trip to Solomon's. The day was pleasant, but lack of winds required motoring for the day. We were met in Solomon's by Annette Mularky and Jeff Kirkendall. Some of our crews needed to return to work and in Carol's case back to Cleveland. Shopping afforded some fine buys. All dined at the Dry Dock for a tasty dinner. Fireworks in Solomon's is preceded by several private displays along the banks of the Patuxent River. We were treated to a spectacular aerial display about 9:30 p.m. for approximately 25 minutes. Winds and seas were quite challenging on Tuesday for the trip to Crisfield. We sailed and we bounced! A two day stay in Crisfield allowed all to relax, explore the town, and the pool. On Thursday we returned to the Patuxent and St. Leonard's Creek. *Frequent Flyer* elected to anchor in Solomon's for an early start home. The weather cooperated for this cruise until Thursday night and Friday. It poured! We decided to enjoy St. Leonard's for another day. Saturday we made the 54 mile trip to the Rhode River – a LONG trip. Most of our trip was under motor due to uncooperative winds. The heavy line of crab pots was to prepare us for navigating through a huge amount of boats in the Rhode River. All were staking their claim to prime viewing for the fireworks. Jon Mullarky had advanced knowledge because *Betelgeux* was the line for boats viewing the fireworks. The fireworks were gorgeous and being so near one got the full impact of sight and sound. Thanks to Jon, Skip, Mary, Laura, and Mike for a restful week and the pleasure of wonderful company.

Al, Sue, and Andrew Kirkendall



Commodore John Lund

Commodores Comments

As August comes, summer is almost gone with the great fall sailing yet to go. Junior training has finished and every one had a great time from what I heard. Hats off to everyone who helped. But don't despair. There are a lot of fun things to do in August. We are leaving directly from the Corsica River Race and party for a week on the bay with the Kirkendalls. Anyone that would like to join us is welcome. Two weeks later is the cruise to Worton. And the week after that is filled with activity. Friday night, moonlight cruise; Saturday morning Magothy Maddness followed by the annual picnic on Cornfield creek Saturday afternoon.

If you have never done Magothy Madness and would like to participate as crew on another boat, call Kent Schaffer. This has always been a fun event should be experienced by everyone. Kent will not give me any hints of what is planned but has hinted he needs a head count by August 10. Plan to be there!

This month has a lot of fun activities and then before you know it, it's Labor Day. Before you get tied up in the back to school sales, come to as many events as you can.

John Lund

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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.

They're Baaak...

Just when you thought it was safe to go in the water - IT IS!!!

The mussels are back in the Magothy River. Just like last year when we saw record water clarity, the water clarity is again improving due to the abundance of the little filter feeders. The Magothy River Association is busily studying these Dark False Mussels and you can help. If you have them on your dock, boat, boat lift, bulkhead, etc., we want to know where they are. If you do not own waterfront, but are on the river enough to see these mussels, please make note of where and report back. A picture of Dark False Mussels is attached to this e-mail.

Your return e-mail can consist of either A) your street address, B) the latitude/longitude of the location from a GPS, C) a prominent landmark (marina, creek, point...) or D) all of the above.

If you do not have a GPS to obtain lat/lon, you may want to take a few minutes to help us by going to the Topozone web site. Follow the directions below and you can pinpoint the exact location for us:

1. go to <http://topozone.com>
2. go to Place Name Search (left side of screen)
3. type in the creek or nearest prominent Magothy landmark (i.e. Blackhole Creek or Ulmstead Point)
4. click Map Size = Large, then Update Map (left side of screen)
5. click View Scale = 1:50000 or 1:25000 to get best zoom results, click Update Map (left side of screen)
6. click Coordinate Format = DD.DDD (left side of screen)
7. place cursor on map as close as you can get to the mussel location and click that location. A red mark will appear. The latitude/longitude of the marked location appears at the top of the screen (i.e. 39.0661°N, 76.4823°W)
8. cut and paste the lat/lon right off of the screen and send it in your return e-mail to the MRA.

Thanks in advance to those who respond. Mother Nature is up to her unexpected shennanigans again, and we are still trying to figure her out...

Regards,

The Magothy River Association
www.MagothyRiver.org

MOONLIGHT CRUISE

Friday evening, August 19, the Bonhams are hosting a moonlight cruise as a kickoff to the next morning's Magothy Madness.

Prepare early for these two events and plan to spend the night on the hook in Eagle Cove. This anchorage is about 45 minutes from the starting point of Magothy Madness on Saturday morning. Weighing anchor by 9:00 a.m. will give you plenty of time to get to the start of Magothy Madness. Eagle Cove is also very close to the Mil Bur community where we will be having our picnic on Saturday afternoon following the Madness.

Our plan is for the boats to congregate in Eagle Cove by 7:00 p.m. Friday evening. The moonlight cruising events will be announced to the cruisers on VHF Channel 71 at 7:15 p.m.

This cruise is in celebration of full moon and will be held rain or moonshine with the promise of tropical music, deck dancing, a wonderful evening, and an open bar from 7:30 p.m. to 7:35 p.m. Please bring an appetizer to share.

Please RSVP by Wednesday, August 17, by calling 410-439-0507 or to ldbonham@aol.com . A reservation is required.

Mike & Laura Bonham, Frequent Flyer

Magothy Madness & Picnic Deadline

Magothy Madness will be on Saturday August 20th followed by the picnic at Mil Bur Pavilion on Cornfield creek. The picnic is being catered by Adams Ribs and beer, wine & soda will be provided by the club.

Don't procrastinate any longer or you will miss these fun events. In order to participate, you must register your boat (no later than August 10th) by contacting either:

Kent and Nancy Shaffer at 410-647-6767 or kentshaffer@comcast.net

George and Carolyn Stamps at 410-437-5337 or stam793@aol.com

We promise that this will be a fun event and if you do well there will be prizes for the three boats with the highest score. Magothy Madness is a great way to get new members involved. You are encouraged to bring large crews to benefit from the additional brain power. If you need extra crew or would like to participate on another vessel contact us immediately. So please register now before it is too late, and also remember to RSVP to Diane Jackins (410-544-3657 or diane.jackins@frb.gov) for the picnic which immediately follows.

Kent Shaffer

MRSA is Back in the Parade of Lights

We're going to have an MRSA boat in the Annapolis Parade of Lights again! The catamaran "*Sea Fan*" is back from the Caribbean and we'd love to take her into the Parade. We and the Mullarky's have volunteered to organize, plan and sheppard the process. We're planning a new display but will use the MRSA Burgee and "Merry Chirtmas" from previous displays. Like before, we'll put the light display together at our house and mount it at our dock. This time we'll mount it when there isn't any rain! It's going to be easier to install (we hope) and we're sure it will win a prize. So get involved!!!!

All we need is some help to plan it, put the light display together, mount it and then PARADE it. It's not a tirival job so we'll start in September just be sure we get everything planned and done on time. We're already going to garage sales to pick up "cheap" lights that work. We know we're going to need one or two generators and something to play music LOUDLY so if you've got these we can use, let us know.

If you'd like to help, give us or the Mullarky's a call. Everybody who works on getting the boat ready is invited to ride on board during the parade. It's a blast; the cheers from the MRSA room at the Marriott are a real boost and the trip down Ego Alley with the crowd cheering is something to remember.

In the past, this was a wonderful way to get to know other members, and we extend a special invitation to our newer members to join us for this project - it's more an on-going party than real work.

We need your help- call and join the fun!

Steve & Jane Gardner - 410-647-1653
Mike & Annette Mullarky -410-439-1556

CRUISE TO WORTON CREEK

Bonjour! Saludo! Guten Tag! Buongiorno! Shalom! Greetings!

The cruise to Worton Creek will give you the opportunity to taste hors d'oeuvres from all over the world. Check your cookbooks and find an interesting appetizer to bring. Cruisers will vote and there will be a prize for the most unusual and tasty dish.

Worton Creek will be a new destination for many of us. It is on the Eastern Shore opposite Pooles Island and between Still Pond Creek and Fairlee Creek. Heading north should give us an opportunity to swim in nettle-free water and enjoy sand beaches and sandy bottoms free of mud. After rounding Handys Point we will be anchored past marker G5. Look for the MRSA burgee.

Mark your calendars now and join us for the cruise to Worton Creek on August 13 & 14. Please call 255-8330 or email myrondorf@comcast.net to let us know that you are coming so that you can be notified of any changes.

See you on Aug. 13.
Myron & Sigrid Dorf

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