



# The Old Man

The Monthly Newsletter of the Magothy River Sailing Association

December 2005

## **Goose Cruise Postscript** *Philippe Masiee*

Since there was a great interest shown by several concerned members, I should relate "Corret"'s adventure of the big wind of 2005; We (Shirley, niece, who had never been on a boat of any size, and me) departed Grey's Inn creek early, at least for us. And proceeded to can #1 with, as they say in the maritime world "winds fresh from the NW", seas flat. Unfortunately things changed very rapidly as we turned south in the Chester river, waves increased in size and wind velocity in the middle 20's. Having recently installed a wind speed indicator I was able to monitor the wind speed, not necessarily a good thing. I had noticed that brave MRSA members had raised sails and were catching up with us at tremendous speed. As we turned west at the bottom of the Chester, sea and wind conditions were becoming worse, speed over ground were shifting from 1 to 2 1/2 knots. I remember Al Kirkendal passing us flying genoa and reefed main; they soon disappeared in the horizon.

Chugging along we made it abeam the Chester spider or pile of rocks and steel beams off of Love point, which by the way should be renamed Hell point, that's when Mr. Pathfinder decided to quit. I quickly changed the filter, in up to 10 foot waves it is not easy, had a shot of diesel for good measure; all failed, so only thing left was to let out a piece of the genoa, as the shore was approaching fast. It was about 11:30 am when all that happened. We called Rock Hall to see if we could get towed in, but Rock Hall is not equipped for this service but gave us the name of a tow company who told us they might get to us around 5 pm. in the meantime, niece was tossing cookies and turning all shades of green unknown to a rainbow. Since someone mentioned Kent Narrows, as a possibility for a tow, we turned back in the Chester river in the general direction of Kent Narrows. This is when the genoa which had been under great duress started to tear and eventually became a shredded piece at the bottom but we kept a small triangle on top which never gave up, thanks to a small nylon rope to trim the leach so we always had forward motion to have some control. After and between cell phone calls and radio calls Shirley got a hold of a nice lady who runs TOWJAM from St Michael's and has several boats at different locations in the bay, one of them was in the Narrows, therefore after several communications again phone and radio, it was decided that the tow boat would come and give us some diesel, as there was a possibility that we had run out of fuel. By the time he arrived we were at the eastern end of the bottom of the Chester river, we hooked up and got towed to a calmer area in the river, where we transferred a few gallons of fuel, to no avail. We were then towed back to Kent Narrows at a high rate of speed where we arrived "sain et sauf" healthy and safe at about 6 pm. If ever in a jam call TOWJAM, they're very good and efficient, they had arranged for a berth at Meirs Marina.

We gathered our stuff and proceeded to a phone to call a taxi to return home, when our cell rang. It was Al Picardi, who claims to be a Buccaneer but is really an angel of mercy, having heard our problems on the radio he came to offer us a lift home.



*Commodore John Lund*

## Commodores Comments

As the year draws to a close, I would like to thank everyone that has helped to make the 2005 sailing season a success. This club is full of members who take the time to make each part of the program a success. Some of the volunteers are elected, some are committee chairs, and some are just volunteering to work on the junior fleet or the parade of lights or Magothy Madness. All have sacrificed some of their valuable time to insure our programs are enjoyed by all. In a few days, at the Wine and Cheese party, we will elect the new slate of officers to begin the planning process for next year. Please give them all the support they need to make the coming year even better than last.

There is still one thing to do before the holidays consume all of us. Attend the Parade of Lights. Not only does the club have an entry in the parade, but we also have rented our usual room on the fifth floor of the Marriot on Ego Alley. The parade can be viewed from the comfort of a warm hotel room. Those who have helped in design or decorating the Gardners boat will get the most unique view of the spectacle from the water. Come cheer on our entry.

As we end this year, I would also like to invite everyone to attend the Commodores Ball in January. It's a great time to get together with your sailing friends/crew for a fun evening during the off season.

## New Member

Please welcome Harris and Kay Hester as new members of MRSA. Harris is no stranger to our club and has been crewing on several boats on Wednesday nights for 5 years. They own an O'Day 272 named Hakuna Matata.

*John Lund*

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## Classifieds

### House for Sale

2100 sq ft, 4 br, 3 bath home, .57 acre on Milburn Circle, Pasadena. 60 second walk to the community pool, park and marina on Cornfield Creek. House has had a major refit of all systems since we bought it 2 years ago. hardwood floors. fireplace. finished basement. Corner lot w/gardens. 22' above sea level. Available end-Sept. Work and family are pulling us back to NJ. Call Peg and Jim Jarvis @ 410 439 8443.

### Fiberglass dinghy

8'x 42", Ash oars and all sailing gear w/new sail. \$499. Call Geoff at, 410 255 0699 or cell - 410 852 7632.

**For Sale:** Lippincott 30' sloop. Autohelm, depth, speed, VHF, bimini, teak cockpit table. Main halyard, single reef, EZ Jacks, and topping lift led to cockpit and Harken cabin mounted winch. Roller furling 130 genoa, Battened main. 15 HP Yanmar diesel. \$22,500. Call/email Fred Betz, 410-647-2824, [febetz@verizon.net](mailto:febetz@verizon.net). Listed with Darlene Logan, Sales Rep, Lippincott Marine, 410-827-9303

## Cheshire Crab House Cruise *Lewis Neisner*

On Saturday, Oct. 29, a beautiful fall day, 35 MRSA'ers and their guests traveled to the Cheshire Crab House for the annual fall frostbite cruise. Arriving by boat were Jon and Rob Mullarky. Everyone else chose to come by car. As usual, a good time was had by all.

The November membership meeting was held as part of the cruise. Since it was Halloween weekend, our guest speaker, Beverly Litsinger, appropriately was from the Maryland Ghost and Spirit Association. We all now know a lot more about Chesapeake Bay lighthouses and their ghosts and spirits than we formerly did.

The Ship's Store will be at the December 8 membership meeting. A perfect time to do all your Holiday shopping.

## Election of Officers and Wine and Cheese Party at the Belvedere Yacht Club

MRSA's annual election of officers and wine and cheese event will be held at the Belvedere Yacht Club on Thursday, December 8. (You don't think we could do anything without food do you?) To honor the past officers and welcome the new, please bring a bottle of your favorite wine and a favorite cheese (or other little something) to share. Beer and soft drinks will be provided for the non-grape lovers. Festivities will start at 6:30 with club officer elections to follow later. Please call or email the vice commodore if you are planning to come.

## Parade of Lights – Annapolis Marriott Hotel

When is a catamaran not a catamaran? When it's a Christmas chimney, of course, complete with magic packages. When and where can this wondrous Christmas chimney be seen? On Saturday, from 6 to 8 pm in Annapolis, as MRSA's Parade of Lights entrant. Where is a good place to view this MRSA holiday contender and other boats, while mixing with MRSA sailors? At the MRSA hospitality room at the Marriott Hotel, of course. (We should have room 511 again.) Who should you contact if you are planning to come? The vice commodore. What should you bring? Just yourself and an hors d'oeuvre to share. Holiday spirits will be provided.

*Diane Jackins*

# Commodore's Ball

Please mark your calendars for the Commodore's Ball to be held Saturday, January 14 at Gibson Island. You'll be receiving invitations in the mail later this month.

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