



# ***The Old Man***

***The Monthly Newsletter of the Magothy River Sailing Association***

*Margaret Burri, Editor*



## June 2022

### ***Commodore's Comments***

*Joe Berchielli*



The “man overboard drill” ... it’s a requirement for Wednesday Night Racing boats as listed on the MRSA website, along with other safety requirements.

After last Wednesday’s race on June 15, the sailing conditions were delightful as we beam-reached westward towards home at 5 knots. With plenty of daylight left, I announced a man-overboard drill. Suggestions were offered as to who should be tossed into the river but, although tempted, I dismissed these and a seat cushion was tossed instead. Beer cans were set aside, headsail dropped (for the helmsman’s visibility) and *Allu* came about and headed east under mainsail alone. This went pretty well and we were able to locate and retrieve the cushion easily as the boat slowed to a crawl.

A few shortcomings were exposed that need to be addressed. A tangle-free stowed line will be permanently attached to the horseshoe, instruction on using the GPS’s MOB (man overboard) function given, and the crew will be reminded where, in case of injury, to find the “Emergency Radio Procedures,” the chart for the “Emergency Response Pick-up Locations,” and the emergency beacon. Also, I am a little embarrassed to admit that I hadn’t input the emergency pick-up location latitude/longitude coordinates into the GPS.

Racers, please sail safely. Practice a man-overboard drill.

## Racing Corner

***It's not just a keel and a hull and a deck and sails, that's what a ship needs but what a ship is...what the Black Pearl really is...is freedom."*** Captain Jack Sparrow

Yes, Wednesday Night Racing is an escape from the work week, chores, and all of those other things that tend to pile up in our busy lives. So, as we are up to 23 boats for Wednesday nights we hope that you continue to look for other boats to share in this wonderful escape!

We are coming up to about the mid-point of the Wednesday night racing season and have one series under our belts and finished up Series 2 on June 22. The first series showed some different boats taking overall honors including Joe Berchielli's **Allu** taking first in Non-Spinnaker and Tim Polk's (with some other owner not to



be named) **Incommunicado** coming away with first in Spinnaker (we may have used all our luck out in the first series though...).

John Nicholson's **Mikayla** took first in the multi-hull fleet which now has four boats in the fleet and some good competition going for first place in the second series.

We love when boats continue to race after an ownership change so we are happy to have back out **White Lightning**, Charlie Hutchinson's old boat now owned and raced by Bob Aaron. **White Lightning** did well in the Non-Spinnaker fleet over a lot of years and we look forward to seeing her and

Bob continue that tradition on the C&C 30. Bob, we love the captain's hat!!



Baltimore City Yacht Association's (BCYA) annual [Race to Baltimore](#) is set for Saturday, July 16<sup>th</sup>. The race starts out near Baltimore Light and usually takes a 20+ course into Baltimore where BCYA does a great job with a party right at the marina. It can be a hot ride but also windy with some nice Southerly breezes pushing you towards Baltimore. And occasionally you may have a little bit of weather to contend

with.

And as Jim mentioned in last month's Racing Corner don't forget the [Yacht Club of Cape St. Claire](#) (YCCSC)'s low-key racing on Friday nights at 1900 hrs on the Magothy. *Incommunicado* started doing the races last year and have really enjoyed getting our crew, crew's family and other friends out for a fun night on the water. Since we keep it easy and only use our #3, no spinnaker work (Jib and Main only racing), and courses that feature some reaching it's easy to see why folks enjoy this wonderful way to kick off the weekend.

### ***Ed Tracey, Rear Commodore***



PS – don't forget to take some pictures when you are out racing so we can share on our [Facebook](#) page or on Instagram.

PSS - one way to celebrate after a race 😊

## FROM THE RACING SOCIAL CHAIR

**Alan Weiss**

We are now done with our second series and Beer Raft Ups have proven impractical as our crew new has younger families and obligations at home. On that note these younger families may be available for a weekend raft up with burgers, hot dogs, and kayaks.

The August 20/21 weekend looks to be the most promising but we need a host boat that can cook the burgers and dogs. Any big boats out there interested in making this fun event happen please contact me (SailingDr@aol.com ) ASAP and I will do what I can to make it easy for you.

My job as matchmaker of crew and captains has seen a moderate amount of success this year. Most boats now are full and I don't believe anyone has room for new crew. In that regard I have stopped my campaign to get new crew. If there are any boats that still want crew I can shift gears and reach out to folk that want to crew . LMK if you need young blood.

### *Cruising Corner*

## SAVE THE DATES: TWO UPCOMING CRUISES

### July 4<sup>th</sup> Cruise

This year MRSA will return to [North Point Marina](#) in Rock Hall Harbor for the July 4th fireworks and festivities. The fireworks, with music accompaniment, will occur in the harbor on Sunday, July 3rd. Another Rock Hall event on July 3rd is a waterman's rodeo. This free and often riotous event includes docking competition, women's anchor tosses, and dingy races. And of course, the pool at North Point Marina is open so bring your bathing suits.

Plan to arrive Saturday afternoon, July 2nd in time to swim before happy hour. We will have a potluck dinner in the marina pavilion. Bring your own dinner entree to grill and a hors d'oeuvres/salad/dessert to share.

Sunday, July 3rd will be a day to relax in the pool or explore the sights in Rock Hall. The trip into town is a 20-minute walk and there are plenty of shopping opportunities if you are so inclined. Plan your own dinner activities. The grills will be available if you choose to grill again or there are many restaurants within walking distance. Plan to be on your boat for the fireworks at 2115 hours. We will have “ring side seats” to watch the fireworks from our boats.

We traditionally walk into town on the 4th to watch the parade at 1100 hours and then follow the parade to the town park to listen to music and enjoy food from several vendors. This is “Americana” at its best. After lunch we will retire to the pool overlooking the bay at North Point.

This is a very popular destination for the fireworks so transient slips will be in short supply. Toni and I have done this event for several years: we find North Point Marina a very hospitable marina with very clean facilities. I have spoken with Loury, the marina manager, and she is looking forward to our visit. She will work hard to accommodate all the MRSA cruisers. She has asked that MRSA cruises make reservation as soon as possible to insure a slip on this busy holiday. The phone number for North Point Marina is 410-639-2907. When you call, ask for Loury and be sure to tell her you are with Rich Hughes and MRSA. When you make your reservation with Loury, please let me know that you are planning to attend so I can keep you informed of any last-minute planning information.

## **July 16-17<sup>th</sup> Cruise to Eagle Cove**

*Loura and Mike Bonham*

Loura and Mike Bonham of *Frequent Flyer* will be leading the cruise on July 16-17 to lovely Eagle Cove. When entering the Magothy River, continue towards Dobbins Island, then turn to your port side, pass through the red/green channel markers and bend right. Eagle Cove is located on your port side right across from a beautiful horse farm.

Happy hour will start at 4 pm on Saturday at our home on Cornfield Creek and continue until you wish to return to your boat. There’s plenty of space to tie up your dinghy or pull it ashore on the beach area. We will have ice available. You can bring your dinner along to eat here if you would care to. A grill and grill utensils will be available for grilling if you would care to use it.

RSVP by Wednesday, July 13 with your contact information to [louradbonham@gmail.com](mailto:louradbonham@gmail.com); text or call: 443-799-3813

## Cruise Reports

### Fathers' Day Cruise

Dave and Deni Boyer



MRSA held their first (annual?) Fathers' Day Week-end cruise the week-end of June 17-19.

On Friday night, the first night, 5 boats anchored in the West River, (between the shores of Galesville and Chalk Point). It was really hot that day, and crew members from the boats that arrived early took a refreshing swim. **Victory** hoisted the

MRSA burgee for happy hour. After a light happy hour and a quick call to the Dock Master, 4 dinghies traveled to Pirates Cove, where a slip was reserved for MRSA and someone was on hand to help us ashore. Several couples who had driven down joined us for dinner for a total of 16 people. Pirates Cove had reserved two tables for us. We had a delightful dinner and Rich Hughes presented the Cruising Awards (see next article) from last season.

On Saturday, we woke to strong winds. At least one boat experienced a dragging anchor. Although we had planned for a leisurely move of boats to the Rhode River, some chose to go early to find a calmer anchorage, some chose to relocate to a more sheltered location nearby and some waited out the blow in their current location. A few boats experienced 30+ knot headwinds while relocating.



Those boats planning on joining on Saturday wisely stayed in their slips. The Rhode River is always a great spot, but our favorite anchorage in the vicinity of the small Islands close to Camp Letts was already a little full and arriving boats had to pick their way through others looking for a sheltered location. 3 boats found safe spots to spend the night while the shoreline was littered with a boat who was not as fortunate.

We still managed to have Happy Hour on Saturday, June 18<sup>th</sup> with enough food that it was dinner for most.

On Sunday morning, winds were starting to lay down a bit. We were joined by one additional boat, and we had 8 people aboard **Victory** for Fathers' Day Brunch. We enjoyed a Bloody Mary bar, mimosas, frittata, muffins, Danish and build your own yogurt parfaits. Truly a meal worth traveling for and fit for Fathers' Day. After breakfast, most boats pulled anchor to depart for home. Although winds were calmer it was still quite blustery with winds out of the North to NW (so right on the nose) for the trip home. We made the most of a blowy week-end and had a lot of fun. Hope we can make this an annual event.



A toast to those hearty souls who braved the winds and weather:

John & Debbie Lund on **Chapter Three**, Mike and Laura Bonham on **Frequent Flyer**, Dave & Deni Boyer on **Victory**, Rich & Toni Hughes on **Fantastic**, friends Bob & Carolyn Troise on **Folly II**, and for Friday dinner by car, new members Ziya & Joyce Gun, Chris Adriance & Kristin Mullins, and friends Bob & Susan Vosbury.

## Cruising Awards for 2021 Season

**Toni Hughes**



We awarded the 2021 cruising awards Saturday after dinner at Pirates Coves. The winners were:  
**1st Place Cruising:** John and Debbie Lund on **Chapter 3**  
**2nd Place Cruising:** Dave and Deni Boyer on **Victory**  
**Cruise Leader Award:** Rich and Toni Hughes on **Fantastic**.

## June Picnic

**John Ratino, Vice Commodore**

This year's June Picnic was held on June 4<sup>th</sup> at Chris and Norm Poulsen's home. And it was a perfect day to be outside, with clear skies and temperatures in the mid-80s. Larry Turner played guitar and sang while Norm worked the grill. Many plates of wonderful food were laid out in the dining room and periodically updated with hot items from the grill.



32 MRSA members enjoyed a terrific afternoon, delicious food and good music. As the afternoon turned to early evening, the music and friendly conversation continued to flow. A good time was had by all and everyone left the picnic feeling the better for it!

Thank you Chris and Norm for hosting and Larry for supplying the music.



### FACEBOOK

*You have heard a lot about our Facebook effort but have you done your part? Please take a moment today and go to [facebook.com/magothysailing](https://www.facebook.com/magothysailing) and "like" each article and each photo. You could click the link right now and then come back to the riveting articles in the Old Man! Put it on your calendar to do all the time! Help us spread the word about MRSA to attract new members!*



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*Please do your part to restore the Bay and actively make it cleaner.*