



The Old Man

The Monthly Newsletter of the Magothy River Sailing Association

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Commodore's Comments



It's that time again. MRSA's Nominating Committee is eagerly awaiting the names of members who want to assist or be candidates for the eight elected officer positions and the many appointed positions the club needs to fill for 2023. These positions are listed on page 5 of the 2022 Red Book. Our membership dues, at \$75 per household,

are very modest, and do not provide the luxury of hiring staff. We depend on member volunteers. Every year there are dozens of members who work behind the scenes, largely without fanfare, to make this club run smoothly. If you have the time and want to give back to the organization which provides the platform for the sport we love, contact one of the Membership Committee members: Joe Berchielli, Ed Tracey, or Homer Sandridge

Joe Berchielli, 2022 Commodore

Racing Corner

“We are the people our parents warned us about” – Jimmy Buffett

So, before we turn to our regularly scheduled newsletter a slight side bar. Jimmy Buffett was back at Merriweather Post in mid-July this year. It was the first time he has played at Merriweather since July 3, 2003. I'm sure there are a few Parrot Heads reading this newsletter, so I hope a few of you made it out to the show. I do miss the old days with the multiple dirt parking lots (we tailgated in a parking garage this time) but it's still Buffett and it's close to the Magothy.

Series 3 is a wrap for 2022, congratulations to the following boats:

Multi-hull

- 1st, John Nicholson – Mikayla

Non-Spinnaker

- 1st, Alan Weiss - Endless Summer
- 2nd, Allu - Joe Berchielli
- 3rd, Nike - Dick White

Spinnaker

- 1st, Dave Purcnal - Ultra Violet
- 2nd, Incommunicado – Tim Polk / Ed Tracey
- 3rd, Charlie – Bruce Mitchell
- 4th, Ole Yella – Jim Gary

[Full Series 3 Results](#)



The next weekend race in Region 2 ("North of the Bridge") is PSA's [Race to Rock Hall](#), on October 1st. The race starts just outside the mouth of the Magothy at Baltimore

Light, with a fairly short course around government marks to Rock Hall. PSA puts on a great party, featuring Dark & Stormies and oysters. This is one of the most popular races north of the bridge for good reason. It's a fun race to a terrific destination.

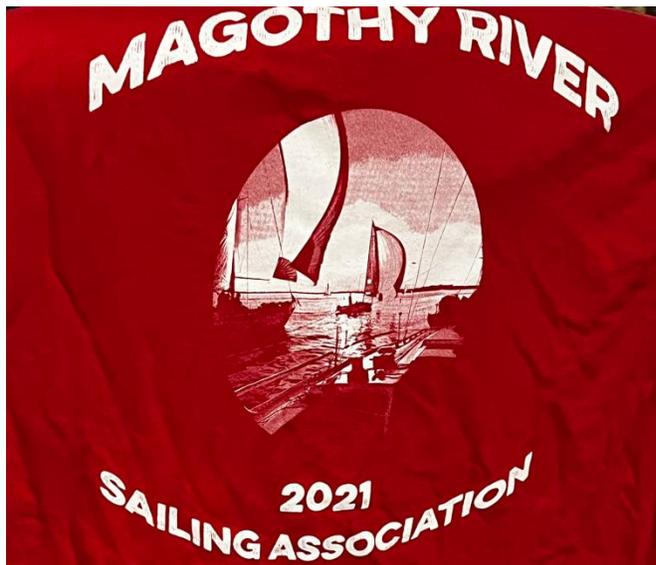
MRSA Time on Time Calculator

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And talking about results we have a new feature on our website thanks to Peter Farkas for developing and Jeff Thompson for adding to the webpage. Our racing info [webpage](#) now has a time on time (ToT) calculator. You enter your PHRF rating, your start and finish times, the boat you want to beat PHRF's time, and it will tell you how much time they owe you or you owe

them for that race. It's a neat little tool to make figuring out how you did on the course a little easier.



Also don't forget to mark your calendars for the end of the season party for Wednesday, October 12 at the PSA clubhouse. Skippers and Crew are invited to this great venue overlooking Blackhole creek. This year we are working on having "live music" for the party. More details to follow but make sure to let your crew know.

And finally, one of the great benefits to Wednesday night racing are the

Sunsets, they seem to be better out on the water!



Ed Tracey, Rear Commodore

PS – just another friendly reminder...don't forget to take some pictures when you are out racing and share them on our [Facebook](#) page or on Instagram.

Racing Social Chair



Racing season has been great with minimal weather interference. Beer Raft Ups, though, have proven less popular and logistically complicated for new members with family obligations. The cruising section graciously invited

racers and their family to join the Dog Day Afternoon raft up at Eagles Cove by Gibson Island on Saturday, August 19th. The event offered food, beer, swimming and kayaking and we hope to add racers to more local cruising events next year. Besides the cruisers, we welcomed Shep Drain from ***Heyday***, Mike and Annette Mullarky from ***Eighth Deadly Sin***, and Debbie Lund, also from ***Eighth Deadly Sin***.

A great family friendly event is the End of Season Party at PSA October 12th (save the date) which will feature live music by our own Larry Turner. Great food (6-foot-long subs), great side dishes and desserts, complimented by beer and wine. What a wonderful chance to put a face or faces with the boats you have seen all season long!

Alan Weiss, Endless Summer

CRUISING CORNER

4th of July Cruise

Toni Hughes

We ventured out into the bay from the Magothy River, Chesapeake Harbor, and the South River destination Northpont Marina at Rock Hall.



Saturday, we sailed some and motored some to the marina. Plenty of wind for everyone trying to get into their slips. The boats that went on this cruise, *Chapter Three, Fantastic, Victory, Sassy, Frequent Flyer, Kats Cradle, and Mariah*. We joined forces at the pavilion for happy hour and shared dinner items. Many terrific appetizers to start the holiday fun.

Sunday, we enjoyed the summer sun while watching the waterman's rodeo. We were all amazed at the winning time of 17 seconds to back into a dock and lasso a pilling. We had some pool time before dinner at Waterman's. Northpont now has a "shuttle" service for delivery to local spots. The fireworks were a great show from everyone's cockpit.





Monday the 4th brought the Rock Hall annual parade. Lots of politicians, firetrucks, and candy!!! Several of our group went home on Monday with strong winds as boats were trying to leave their slips. Tuesday again strong 20+ winds from the south so all the retirees decided to stay an additional day. Home on Wednesday with little wind for sailing.

Mil-bur Picnic

Bill Taylor & Dave Pirone



Our MRSA August 6th picnic at the Mil-Bur community park was a pleasant success. With over 40 members and guests attending, the 15/20 mph southerly breeze kept the shaded guests cool and comfortable. The hot dogs, cheeseburgers, Italian sausages, and fried chicken were the focal point

followed by great tasting side dishes and desserts.

With covid waning, it was great to see and converse with old friends and new members alike.



Live music was provided by Larry Turner and added a classy touch to the event. Even though the weather forecast was for scattered showers, we made it through the entire day with sunshine and clear skies.

SAVE THE DATE

Langford Creek Cruise, September 24-25

Debbie Lund



Let's celebrate the fall! Since there is no longer a goose cruise, come to the Eastern Shore and hear the geese. I know you can hear geese all year round and even on the western shore but it is special on the Eastern Shore.

The weekend cruise will be to Langford Creek off the Chester River. We will anchor just east of Cacaway Island. Happy hour will start at 1700 hours. If you are planning to come to the cruise, please call, text, or email me at 410-382-0332 or dlund210@gmail.com. It is important to let me know in case the destination needs to be changed due to weather.

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