



The Old Man

The Monthly Newsletter of the Magothy River Sailing Association

Margaret Burri, Editor

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Commodore's Comments



Where has it gone? The leaves are turning, the afternoons are cooler, and, as I write this, we are facing the final MRSA Wednesday Night race of 2022. It's happened too quickly, but I guess I say that every year.

On Friday nights, I crew for skippers who are new to racing, in the series hosted by the

Yacht Club of Cape St. Claire. This will extend my racing season for another week, until September 30.

With a little luck, I can cobble together a spinnaker-experienced crew and **Allu** can do the MRSA fall series on Sundays, although getting some of my crew to commit to weekend racing has often been problematic. I think we can do it though, and we hope some of you can bring your boats out on Sundays and join us.

Finally, we have a full slate of officers to be elected at the membership meeting in December:

Commodore - Ed Tracey

Vice Commodore - John Ratino

Rear Commodore - Jim Bradac

Fleet Captain, Cruising - Rich & Toni Hughes

Fleet Captain, Junior Training - Grace O'Brien

Secretary - Larry Turner

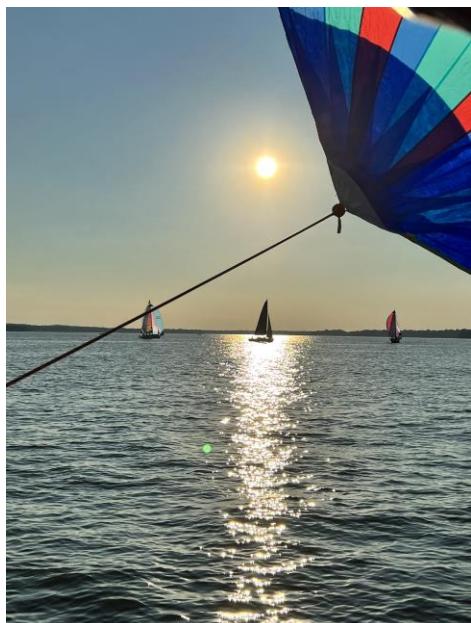
Fleetmaster, Junior Training - Shepherd Drain

Treasurer - Kristin Mullins

Thanks to all of you who stepped up!

Joe Berchielli, Commodore, 2022

Racing Corner



The 2022 Wednesday Night Racing Series is wrapping up with the final race scheduled for September 21st. It's been a terrific season with beautiful weather and good winds greeting the sailors on most of the Wednesday evenings. Only 2 races had to be cancelled this year due to weather; none for lack of wind. While the early sunsets of fall bring an end to midweek racing the best racing weather is yet to come.

As always, October will bring cooler temperatures and stronger winds. For those who want to enjoy the best racing weather of the year there are plenty of opportunities. Top of the list is the

MRSA-sponsored [Hallie Rice Fall Series](#). These races take place on Sunday afternoons on the Magothy River (Oct 9th, 23rd and Nov 6th). Rendezvous is at 12:30 with the possibility of multiple races each day depending on wind conditions. Notice of Race can be found at Hallie Rice Fall Series. If you're not

planning on racing but are looking for a good excuse to spend a beautiful October Sunday on the water consider volunteering to serve as Race Committee boat. Looking for volunteers for all three dates. Contact Jim Bradac.

Other local fall race opportunities include:



Saturday 01 Oct 2022- PSA Race To Rock Hall: The race starts by the Baltimore Light with a course around government marks depending on weather conditions and finishes off Rock Hall on the Eastern Shore. It's a Northern Chesapeake favorite, with a great post-race party at Haven Harbor Marina on Swan Creek. Details are in the NOR accessible on the race site at: [Race to Rock Hall](#)

Saturday 15 Oct 2022- BCYA Baltimore Harbor Cup The Harbor Cup also starts at Baltimore Light with a government mark course leading to the finish in beautiful Baltimore Harbor. A great party always follows at the finish in town. Race details can be found at:

[Harbor Cup](#)

Sunday 16 Oct 2022- Francis Scott Key Classic

The day after the Baltimore Harbor Cup, The FSK Classic is the race back out the Patapsco for folks to race home. The start is usually at the Fort McHenry Memorial Buoy, then around government marks exiting the Patapsco River. Fun time getting your boat home by racing.

Details will be posted at: [FSK Classic](#)

The Wednesday night Series 4 results have been tabulated. Congratulations to the following boats making the podium:

Multi-hull

1st, John Nicholson - Mikayla

Non-Spinnaker

1st, Jack Lusby – Vagabond

2nd, Alan Weiss – Endless Summer

3rd, Joe Berchielli – Allu

Spinnaker

1st, Dave Purcnal – Ultra Violet
2nd, Tim Polk/Ed Tracey – *Incommunicado*
3rd, Bruce Mitchell – Charlie

[Full Series 4 Results](#)

Several MRSA members participated in the Naval Academy Sailing Race to Oxford held September 10th. Tim Polk/Ed Tracey, *Incommunicado*, placed 2nd in the 10-boat ORRez Division, CRCA -A, with Shep Drain, *Heyday*, finishing 7th. John Nicholson, *Mikayla*, took top honors in the 10-boat Multihull A fleet.

All racers, come celebrate the Wednesday Night sailing season with your crew and fellow competitors at the end-of-season party on Wednesday, October 12 starting at 5:30 at the PSA clubhouse, 283 Cove Road on Blackhole Creek. As always there will be plenty of free food and drinks, door prizes, and possibly live music. And trophies, of course!

Jim Bradac, Race Committee Chair

Racing Social Chair

I am pleased to announce the boats that brought on new crew this year! Attrition without growth leads to extinction and our organization is way too cool to die. The gauntlet has been dropped and I ask everyone to follow this example next year. Kudos to those who opened their boats:

Incommunicado: Eddie Quinn, who came to Ed Tracy's boat from the website's crew list; he has been sailing with them for the last few Wednesdays.

Merlin: Janis Hopkins

Allu: Marty Huppert

White Lightning (it's been great to see her back campaigning!): Paul Phillips and Dave MacFarlane are friends. Jamie Goodman came to the crew from the website's crew list.

Mischief: Robert Guske, Lacey Barry, Noelle Wise, Chris Selley, Victor Knox, Dan Hensgen

Endless Summer: Sean Gahagan, Jake Kern, and Sharas Reddy. Sharas sailed with us part of the year then joined MRSA and enrolled his daughter in Junior Training.

Vagabond: Andy Keefer and Rich Collette

I hope to see everyone (family and friends) at this year's End of Season party hosted by PSA 10/12/22.

Alan Weiss, Racing Social Chair

Cruising Corner

Dog Day Afternoon Cruise

Norm Poulsen



It was a perfect August Dog Day for the cruise to Eagle Cove at the north end of Gibson Island. Hot, humid (but thankfully, not TOO hot or humid, and no thunderstorms!). Chris and I motored from Annapolis (no wind) and anchored our new-to-us Catalina 36, **Horizon**, just before noon. We were lucky we did, since by 3:00 there were 48 boats anchored in the cove! Debbie and John Lund aboard **Chapter Three**

arrived 5 minutes before we did but were kind enough (?) to let us set our anchor into the black sticky mud. Within the next couple of hours we were joined by Kristin and Chris Adriance aboard **Josephine**, David and Shari Argue on **Mariah**, Shep Drain aboard **Heyday** (go Magothy racers!), and three powerboats bearing Wally and Jean Gribbin, Loura and Mike Bonham and Annette and Mike Mullarky, and Alan Weiss and Maggie Burri.

We grilled a total of 40 hot dogs and enjoyed them along with side dishes shared by all. Loura Bonham even brought vanilla and chocolate ice cream cones for dessert; I think an MRSA cruising first!



As evening arrived, most of the boats departed, leaving ***Chapter Three*** and ***Mariah*** tied to us for the night, which was generally peaceful, even though the powerboat in front of us (one of the few remaining) ran his generator all night...

Sunday arrived initially with little wind, so after manually retrieving our 45-pound anchor (and moving a windlass higher up on our wish list), we motored to just south of the Bay Bridge, where the wind filled in enough to enable us to sail the rest of the way home, and of course made tying up at our exposed dock a minor adventure.

Labor Day and Long Cruise

Debbie Lund and Toni Hughes [photographer]

MRSA cruisers finally cruised the Northern Bay. In 2021, we had planned to go to the Northern Bay but Mother Nature decided against it. The week prior there was a tropical storm, and the Conowingo Dam opened some flood gates. It was decided to go south to avoid the debris. This year 7 boats made it to Georgetown by midweek.

The cruise was a combination of Labor Day Weekend and a week's cruise. Five boats went up the Chester River to Grays Inn Creek for Saturday, September 3 and on Sunday went across the river to Reed Creek. GPS has taken the adventure out of Reed Creek. There is plenty of water at the entrance if you stay in the channel.



On Monday, John and Debbie Lund on *Chapter Three*, Rich and Toni Hughes on *Fantastic*, Mike and Loura Bonham on *Frequent Flyer*, Chris Adriance and Kristin Mullens on *Josephine*, and Stu and Vicky Timerman on *Dark Star* continued the Labor Day cruise to

Swan Creek and were met by Dave and Denise Boyer on *Victory* and Ziya and Joyce Gun on *Island Time*.

The weather forecast was to have south winds on Tuesday but by Tuesday night it would be NE with gusts to 20. The planned destination was Still Pond but it was changed to Worton Creek to have better protection. Tuesday morning, the Timermans went to Annapolis and the rest of the group headed north. The northerly winds came in around 11 AM with gusts to 20 and white caps. It was a difficult ride to Worton Creek so everyone was glad for the protection of the creek. Larry Turner and Angela Cremeans on *Coquille* joined the cruise. They had a great sail from Bodkin Creek!

On Wednesday, the group headed to Sailing Associates in Georgetown on the Sassafras River. I called them the day before to reserve 7 slips. They were very accommodating to try to get us in the marina. Spaces were tight because Georgetown Yacht Basin has closed.



Coquille had to act as a tow boat for **Fantastic**. **Fantastic** had battery issues and they would have been late for dinner if they sailed up to River. Dinner was at Fish Whistle at the Granary. We were joined by Bill Knerr, who is John's longtime friend.

On Thursday, the group started to head south. We had wind from the north and an outgoing current so everyone sailed to Fairlee Creek. Joyce Gun acted as "MacGyver" when Ziya had a halyard go up the mast. She attached 3 boats hooks together so no one had to go up the mast to retrieve it. We don't have 3 boat hooks on our boat!

Four boats had never been in Fairlee Creek so it was a new adventure. It was a pleasant surprise to have plenty of water in the creek. Because it was during the week, there were only 4 other boats in the anchorage area. It was a beautiful night with a close to full moon.

On Friday, the group separated. **Frequent Flyer** headed to Annapolis so they could hear the Boatyard Bash in Back Creek on Saturday, **Josephine** and **Coquille** headed home so they could attend weddings on Saturday (not the same wedding), **Victory** and **Island Time** went to



Shaw Bay and **Chapter Three** and **Fantastic** went to St. Michaels. After watching some of the Log Canoe races on Saturday morning, **Chapter Three** and **Fantastic** went to Shaw Bay to join **Victory** and **Island Time**.

On Saturday, the Eastport Oyster Boys were part of the Shaw Bay Raftup Concert to benefit the ShoreRivers and Miles-Wye Riverkeeper. There were around 200 boats in Shaw Bay. **Chapter Three** was anchored downwind from the performers, so everyone sat on the boat and enjoyed an amazing Happy Hour. Sunday was rainy but winds were favorable for a downwind ride back to South River and Annapolis. The Guns were continuing to cruise for another week. Hopefully they will have a great second week.



The 2022 Long Cruise was very successful. There were between five and seven boats cruising, some new to the group and some old timers. It has been about 25 years since John and I have cruised the Northern Bay so it was great to go to different places. For 2023, John and I want to do 2 weeks Southern Bay cruise in June. Cruisers, put it on your calendars.



Members' Corner



With the resumption of the Junior Training Program, and the continued work of racing captains encouraging their crew to join, we've had a successful year recruiting new members. Please join me in welcoming them!

Thad & Melissa Rothrock: They sailed the coastal waters of California for more than ten years prior to moving to Pasadena in 2020. Their home port was San Diego, CA. They are recreational sailors who enjoyed sailing to Catalina Island off the California coast and the Coronado Islands in Mexican waters. They currently own a Cobia 201 center console but are actively searching for a 35'-42' sloop. They plan to keep the boat at their private dock on Cockeys Creek.

Daniel J. Perry: He owns *Escapade*, a Beneteau docked at Ferry Point Marina on Mill Creek. He races on Wednesday nights on *Charlie* and also races with Ed Tracy. He grew up sailing optis/lasers/420s. He currently cruises and races shorthanded in CHESS (Chesapeake Shorthanded Sailing Society) class events on the weekends. He is also a member of the Lewes Yacht Club & the Chesapeake Shorthanded Sailing Society.

Ziya & Joyce Gun and their children, Denise & Sarah: They sail *Island Time*, an Island Packet, on the bay. They belong to Belvedere Yacht Club and Seven Seas Cruising Association.

Sharas Tadisina (Reddy) & Raga: He has raced a little on Wednesday nights and is looking to get more involved in the club and learn all he can about sailing. His daughter participated in Junior Training.

Brian & Iris LaChapelle, and their children, Jackson, Lily & Scarlet: They have a Boston Whaler on Cattail Creek. Brian has sailing experience on Cattail Creek, and their kids enjoyed Junior Training this summer.

Mike Busch: Mike races on *Endless Summer* with Alan Weiss where he serves as first mate and tactician. He also crews on other boats across the Bay and in Baltimore.

Travis & Julie Shepard, and their children, Chase & Tyler: Chase and Tyler took three years of Kidship Sailing Camp and this summer participated in the Junior Training program. Travis and Julie want to learn to sail as well.

June Doezeema, Membership Chair

SAVE THE DATE

MRSA OCTOBER DINNER MEETING

Where: Bella Napoli Restaurant, Pasadena, MD

When: October 27th, 7:00 pm

Speaker: Molly Winans, *SpinSheet Magazine*

More Details to Come!!



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