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The Monthly Newsletter of the Magothy River Sailing Association

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Commodore's Comments



An idea whose time has come? Maybe so.

I was chatting with June Doezema and Alan Weiss at the MRSA End of Season party on Wednesday about the merits of an on-line **Red Book**. Now, I like the hard copy **Red Book**, particularly the newer ones with the convenient spiral binding, and have about 10 or 12 of them on my bookshelves, including one from my first year of membership. However, I am now favoring the on-line idea. Why do I like this? Let me count the ways.

Items would be updated as changes occur, such as new members, new sponsors, new event dates.

It could let MRSA coordinate the dates of our events to avoid conflicts with Chesapeake Bay races, a goal earnestly sought by CBYRA President Jon Anthony and, I imagine, our Rear Commodore, Ed Tracey. How so? Well, up to now, MRSA

event dates had to be booked and committed to prior to the **Red Book** publication deadline. We wanted hard copies ready to distribute at the MRSA Spring Brunch. The on-line idea could allow us to delay the setting of an event date, such as the Sock Burner, or the June and August Picnics, for a few weeks, until the Bay Racing schedule was set, and then try to coordinate.

It is cheaper. MRSA would save the printing costs and the mailing costs.

You could still print out your own copy, double sided, and MRSA could purchase a spiral binding set up to provide a book identical to today's for those members who want one. Bring/send your printed copy to the editor for spiral binding.

The end of distribution hassles. No more calls for volunteers to deliver it.

It removes much of the deadline pressure from the shoulders of the **Red Book** editor. This should make the editor's position more attractive and easier to fill.

There are downsides; the most obvious is the added pressure on the Webmaster to set up and update the feature on the website. As often happens, a seemingly simple request by the innocent cyber-layman can create a massive headache for the programmer.

What do you think? Send me an email at commodore@magothysailing.org.



And speaking of the Red Book, we need an editor! All our other appointed positions have been filled and nominees have volunteered to stand for all elected positions, but we still have this one to fill. Salary and benefits? Well no, but you may earn the undying gratitude and respect of sailors throughout the Magothy region.

Please consider this opportunity to give back and help your club. Email commodore@magothysailing.org.

Joe Berchielli, Commodore, 2022

Racing Corner

“All good thing must come to an end” – Geoffrey Chaucer

Daylight hours are getting shorter, the leaves are turning, and temperatures are getting cooler so it's getting close to the end of the racing season. The last Wednesday race of the season was on September 22 and that wrapped up Series 5. Congratulations to the following boats:

Non-Spinnaker

1st, Alan Weiss - Endless Summer

2nd, Vagabond – Jack Lusby

3rd, Allu - Joe Berchielli

Multi-hull

1st, John Nicholson – Mikayla

Spinnaker

1st, Incommunicado – Tim Polk / Ed Tracey

2nd, Dave Purcnal - Ultra Violet

3rd, Dragonfly – John Aellen

4th, Jezebel – Chris Lindsay

[Full Series 5 Results](#)

The end of the season racing party was held on October 12th at the PSA Clubhouse. We had around 60 racers show up for a great event which included our very own Larry Turner providing music. Of course, the free beer was a hit along with several of my favorites: Baugher pies, homemade cheesecakes, boardwalk style fries, and other wonderful appetizers and desserts (No, I didn't sample them all...)

We handed out several door prizes (rum, beer, wine and MRSA gear) with our Commodore, Joe Berchielli, picking up one of the prizes. Rumor has it he paid off one of the kids that was pulling tickets--just kidding Joe.

We also handed out awards for the 2022 racing season which included our Spring Fling winners, Series winners, Best in Fleet winners (non-spinnaker and spinnaker), our overall winner (Magothy Cup) along with trophies for the 2021 Hallie Race Series.



Overall Best in Fleet (non-spinnaker) was ***Endless Summer***: pictured left to right, Maggie Burri, Alan Weiss, ANdrew Baker, and Mike Busch.

Overall Best in Fleet (spinnaker) and Magothy Cup trophy winner was ***Ultra Violet***: pictured left to right Dave



Purcna, RC Chair, Jim Bradac and Rear Commodore, Ed Tracey.

Congratulations to everyone who won and those that attended the end of the season party!



The Baltimore City Yacht Club's annual Harbor Cup race was held this Saturday, October 15th. It was your atypical Harbor cup with temperature in the 70's and a 12 to 18 knot southerly breeze sending the fleet up the bay to Baltimore Harbor. (Photo credit: Upper Chesapeake Sailing Facebook page; Rick Lipscomb)



Four MRSA boats participated in the race: Shep Drain's **Heyday** (2nd Place CRCA B, Jeff Thompson's **Patriot** (2nd Place, Multi-hull B), Tim Polk and Ed Tracey's **Incommunicado** (2nd Place, CRCA A) and Jim Bradac's **Mischief** (6th place, CRCA A). On a tight reach, **Incommunicado** stacked the back corner!

And finally, the Fall Sunday Hallie Rice Series kicked off the weekend of October 8th with great winds and boats getting in two windward / leeward races on a beautiful Sunday. Still time to come out and join us on the last two Hallie Rice Sunday races: October 24th and November 6th. Weather and wind permitting we will include a race out to the Lighthouse and back.

Ed Tracey, Rear Commodore

PS – just another (yes 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



Great year getting new crew! Our organization is showing life again.

While we are not wealthy, from what I can see we aren't in the red, so what do we have to do to survive, I ask myself? One word comes to mind: Volunteer.

While we have a full slate of officers for this year, there's always next year.

We need officers, not from just the same top 3 boats but all players. If you are out there having fun, you qualify. Put your name in the hat for 2024. And in the meantime, contact Joe and Ed to see what they need help with. Wednesday's are a value-added day. Let's keep it happening.

Alan Weiss, Racing Social Chair

Cruising Corner

Langford Creek Wrap Up
By Debbie Lund

To increase participation, the destination for the Langford Creek cruise on September 24th and 25th was changed to Mill Creek off Whitehall Bay. The other change was to go to a restaurant for dinner. No cooking! Saturday brought light winds but on Sunday the wind came up from the southeast. Mike and Laura Bonham aboard ***Frequent Flyer*** had a good trip back to the Magothy. John and Debbie Lund aboard ***Chapter Three*** sailed around on Saturday until the wind died and then headed in to get a good anchorage beyond Cantlers.

A few boats (names withheld) tried to cut a point and head toward ***Chapter Three***. There is a small green mark that marks a shoal. It must be honored! On Sunday we dodged all the racing boats back to Chesapeake Harbour in Annapolis. The majority of the boats came from the South River: Rich and Toni Hughes on ***Fantastic***, Dave and Deni Boyer on ***Victory*** and Steve Pavolosky aboard the power boat ***That's Lucky***. Steve volunteered to chauffeur the group to Cantler's Riverside Inn. We had a great meal and were able to be seated promptly.



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