



The Old Man

The Monthly Newsletter of the Magothy River Sailing Association

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Commodore's Comments



MRSA's annual "Wine & Cheese/Elections Meeting" was held on the evening of December 8 at the Belvedere Yacht Club, and was attended by over 40 people.

A social hour and potluck dinner was followed by a presentation by Kristen Berry who is affiliated with Ullman Sails Annapolis, serves as a Naval Academy Sailing Instructor Trainer, and also operates "Gale Force Sailing" which provides personalized sailing instruction and assistance to clients.

Mr. Berry discussed sailing with purpose and offered ideas for both cruisers, racers, and new sailors to get more out of sailing. In particular he discussed why racing sailors should cruise and cruising sailors should race to learn new skills. He also explained why the various local sail makers should be evaluated on the basis of the service they provided to their customers.

The meeting concluded with the election of the following members as officers of the 2023 MRSA Board of Governors:

Ed Tracey – Commodore
John Ratino – Vice Commodore
Jim Bradac – Rear Commodore
Larry Turner – Secretary
Kristin Mullins - Treasurer
Shepherd Drain - Fleetmaster
Rich & Toni Hughes - Fleet Captain, Cruising
Grace O’Brien – Fleet Captain, Junior Training

Please give them your support!

Happy holidays to all!

Joe Berchielli, Commodore, 2022

Membership Update

MRSA Members,

Our treasurer, Kristin, will be mailing out membership renewals this week and I wanted to give you a heads up that we have had to increase membership dues for 2023. It’s been over 20 years (we only have a **Red Book** from 2002 to confirm) since our membership dues have increased and unfortunately during that time our expenses have risen significantly. In particular insurance, storage rental, and junior training have seen a steady rise in costs.

One option we have provided to minimize your increased expense is to send you the MRSA **Red Book** electronically. You will still have the option to receive a hard copy for an additional fee.

We have tried to avoid raising the dues but MRSA’s overall budget was negative last year and our initial 2023 budget shows us being in the red again this year without any changes. The board will continue to look at other revenue sources (increased membership, interest income, and sponsorships) along with ways to minimize our expenses to ensure the financial stability of the organization. A

copy of the approved budget will be shared with the membership after our January board meeting.

Thank you for being a member and I look forward to seeing folks at MRSA events in 2023.

Ed Tracey, *Commodore Elect*



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