



The Old Man

The Monthly Newsletter of the Magothy River Sailing Association

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Commodore's Comments



“Tis the season” can easily apply to Christmas or Spring for us sailors. As you’ll see all parts of the organization are busy with either racing (Series 1 in the books), social events (Spring Brunch meeting and the recently completed sock burning party, attended by some hearty souls!) and our cruising schedule starts in earnest with the upcoming Memorial Day cruise. In addition, Grace with support from others (Zoe, Christine, Shep and others) are busily getting

ready for our upcoming Junior Training program. Once events start occurring it feels like we have arrived at a wonderful pace of club activities and events.

So even though the club is busy I want to remind folks of our initiative to grow our membership. We are actively updating our contact list for communities and marinas around the Magothy River so we can do marketing for both membership and Junior Training. If you have contact info for your community or marina, please let us know.

One of the easiest marketing tools that every member can use is to display the MRSA logo. Whether it be a MRSA burgee flying from your spreaders, stickers on the back of your car, or MRSA logo gear, it's a great way to get folks to ask which yacht club or what the symbol means. If you have pictures of the burgee flying

please send them to us via my email (commodore@magothysailing.org) or any of the other officers listed on the MRSA web page. (www.magothysailing.org) so we can post them.



Hope everyone has a great Memorial Day weekend and hope to see you out on the course or at our next social event (most likely the June picnic that is still a work in progress.)

PS – when at Eddie Looper’s property keep an eye out for his sneaky yellow lab... ate my piece of cake right off the table!

Cheers,

Ed Tracey, Commodore

Racing Corner

Eleven boats registered for this year's Spring Fling representing 6 different clubs. The day of the race brought some challenging conditions with very light winds. The light, sporadic breezes may have favored one starting location over another as the top 3 boats (2 monohulls and 1 MH) started and finished at the southernmost starting line. Ed Tracey and Tim Polk's **Incommunicado** won the CRCA racer/cruiser division and Jeff Thompson on **PATRIOT** won the multihull division. Even with the conditions there was a lot of good feedback and suggestions including picking directions as well as starting marks next year. Could lead to some exciting mark roundings.



On the MRSA Wednesday night racecourse, we had our first pursuit race of the season on 5/10. The front that caused cancellation of the AYC, nipped the Magothey bringing spicy conditions with reports of 25+ knots true heading up to windward mark. **Windswept** was in her element looking great heeling smartly with her huge genny. The wind dying to 6 at the finish was not so great for the late starters. **UltraViolet** won line honors with **Incommunicado** 24 seconds behind holding off **Charlie**

with **Sagacious** and **Windswept** coming in close on their heels. **Allu** sailed a great race and won the non-Spin class.

With 23 races and currently 16 boats registered, we hope that the "Pursuit and Race" option will help to fill in the holes.

Our frostbite racing, AKA MRSA Series 1, came to a close on the 17th. **Endless Summer** rode their three bullets to take a close win over **Allu** in the non-Spin class. The Spin class was really close with **UltraViolet** taking a 1 point lead over **Incommunicado** and **Sagacious** using her 2 bullets to nose **Charlie** for 3rd place. **Mikayla** in the Multihull class was mostly about staying ahead of **UV** and **Charlie** and are looking forward to getting more boats on the line for series 2.

The PSA Moonlight race, one of the best races of the season and definitely the best breakfast on the Bay, is coming up on June 17th. Registration and all race documents are at <https://www.nextsailor.com/app/page/regatta/326>.

John Nicholson, Race Committee Chair

From the Racing Social Chair

I continue to receive emails from future sailors, whom I interview and whose contact information I add to the "Boat Wanted" spreadsheet. I have added one new crew member to ***Endless Summer*** but honestly have no more room.

The ad will expire and I will not be renewing it if I can't get boats to accept the future sailors of the Magothy. If you are able to take one sailor on your boat email me now, otherwise I will have to watch entropy take its course.

The first post-race Raft Up is scheduled for June 28th and while that is awhile away, it's never too early to start letting your wife? husband ? kids ? know you will be home late that evening!

Alan Weiss, Racing Social Chair

Cruising Corner

Cruising Awards

Rich Hughes



MRSA had a very successful cruising program in 2022. We had 15 different boats participate in at least one cruise and as a group sailed over 2130 total miles. Each year, MRSA presents awards for participation in club cruising activities. Awards presented are for first and second place for participation and a Top Cruiser leader award.

Recipients for last year's activities are:

- First Place Participation: John and Debbie Lund (above, with Rich Hughes)
- Second Place Participation: Dave and Denni Boyer
- Top Cruise Leader: John and Debbie Lund

The goal for the 2023 cruising season is to have more boats join the cruising lifestyle and to exceed the total miles sailed in 2022.

SAVE THE DATE
2023 Summer Cruise
June 10-25, 2023

Debbie Lund

The MRSA long cruise will be in June instead of September and it will be for two weeks. The plan is to cruise the lower Bay. The Bay is much wider and there are many rivers and towns to explore. If you are interested in participating, please let me know by emailing me at dlund210@gmail.com or calling me at 410-382-0332.

If you can't do both weeks but would like to do some days in the beginning or the end of the cruise, please let me know so I can let you know the plan. There will be a planning meeting in late May or early June to decide the destinations. More details to follow.

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 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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