



The Old Man

The Monthly Newsletter of the Magothy River Sailing Association

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Commodore's Comments



Welcome to the dog days of summer... or should I say jellyfish days of summer! It's been an interesting year keeping the bottom clean for racing while I'm swatting away the jellyfish. The heat this year has also caused its share of cancellations on the cruising side, but relief isn't far away for the Dog Days of Summer, as the beautiful weather we had for that cruise on August 19th showed! [Photo: Wikimedia Commons; Eric Kilby]

It's amazing how quickly time flies as your kids grow up or in this case the years that go by since the formation of MRSA back in 1974. Our 50th anniversary is next year, and we have started planning for this great occasion. Rich Hughes and John Ratino along with BOG members are working out the details and we'll share them as we finalize dates, times, etc. It should be exciting as we get together members (and past members) from across the generations to celebrate the first 50 years of MRSA.

We (ok, make that Jeff) continue to update the website with new items and we have just published both an external **Red Book** (except for member information and telephone numbers of officers, appointed positions) that is available for everyone. The public version of the **Red Book** is located [here](#) and the membership only version is located [here](#) (once you log in you can access the password protected version).

If you need help accessing the password protected part of the site, please send a note to webmaster@magothysailing.org. One of the reasons we provide both copies is that we can update the membership roster as new members join the club so the latest version will always be available on-line.

Next up on the social calendar (after the Dog Day Afternoon Cruise) is the cruise to Chesapeake Yacht Club on August 26th and 27th. You should have seen reminders from both John Ratino and Joe and Diane Jackins for the cruise. The Labor Day cruise follows shortly afterward. It's been a quick year (seems like they all are nowadays...) so enjoy some of the best sailing of the year starting in September with cooler days.

Cheers,

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PS – don't forget that [website](#) calendar has all of the MRSA events (racing, cruising and social).

Racing Corner



It's the end of August, kids are back in school, the days are getting shorter, but we still have 5 Wed night races before the end of the summer session. Few surprises in the final standings for Series #3 that ended with the July 26th race. **Ultra Violet** finished 1st in the Spin class followed by **Charlie** and **Sagacious**. **Endless Summer** held onto 1st in the Nonspin class followed by **Allu** and **White Lightning**. **White Lightning** was one of the most competitive boats for years

with Charlie Hutchinson at the helm and has been climbing the ranks this season with new owner Bob Aaron at the helm. **Makayla** finished 1st in Multihull followed by **PATRIOT** and **Mad Max**.

With 2 races remaining in Series #4 **Endless Summer** continues to dominate in the Nonspin Class followed by **Allu** and **White Lightning**. **Mikayla** and **PATRIOT** have been finishing 1-2 for Multihulls. And while **Ultra Violet** continues to dominate Spin, **Incommunicado** finished a close 2nd on 8/9 and edged them out for first on 8/16. **Jezebel** has been racing well with 3rd place finishes the past two weeks.

Plans are underway for our 2nd and final raft-up of the season scheduled for September 6th. The last raft-up was a great success and we'll be looking for more boats to join the fun for this one. Look for more information from Social Chair Alan Weiss as the date draws near.

There are several great weekend races scheduled for North of the Bridge in the coming weeks. Glenmar Sailing Association will be hosting the PHRF Northern Bay Championships on 9/30-10/1. Register at <https://www.nextsailor.com/app/page/regatta/547>.

Potapskut Sailing Association will once again be hosting the Race to Rock Hall on October 14th. Registration is **open** at <https://www.nextsailor.com/app/page/regatta/454>. And Baltimore City Yacht Association will be hosting the 34th annual Baltimore Harbor Cup on October 21st. Register at https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/26816#_home.

Jim Bradac, Rear Commodore

From the Racing Social Chair

Please join us 9/6/23 after the Wednesday night race, for the beer raft up. Let us know how many beer drinkers there are on your boat so we can buy enough beer.

The event is family friendly, and you are encouraged to bring “newbies” so we can share the love. Swimming is possible depending on the jellyfish presence. At present, Jim Bradac is both racing and beer boat. Ideally a cruiser would be on site, anchored and waiting to receive the finishing boats. If you can do this, please send me an email: sailingdr@aol.com

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Fall series will be upon us soon enough and Maggie and I have enjoyed it for years, along with a handful of others. That is why we need to support it. We have looked at the reasons for diminished attendance: conflicting kids sports; other family obligations; is Saturday better than Sunday?

Bottom line: without the support of boats and crew the race (Hallie Rice) may soon be retired. Can we count on you?

Alan Weiss, Racing Social Chair

Cruising Corner

We had another lovely turnout for the Mil-Bur Picnic, one of our most popular land cruises. Thanks to Dave Pirone and crew for putting on another successful event. Music was provided by Larry Turner; see the Membership Corner below for more info!



Membership Corner

Larry Turner: The Six-String Sailor



One of the highlights of our social events is the live music provided by Larry Turner. He donates his time and talents and is always happy to see MRSA members at his performances. Go to BayCatsMusic.com for schedule, contact info, and video clips. Come out and support Larry and listen to some great live music!

His repertoire includes music from Jimmy Buffet, Tom Petty, Jack Johnson, Chris Stapleton, Lyle Lovett, David Gray, The Beatles, Amy Winehouse, Vance Joy, Jason Mraz, Joshua Radin, Neil Young, Foo Fighters, Zack Bryan, Bob Seger, John Prine, Ed Sheeran, Old Dominion, Van Morrison, John Mayer, Plain White T's, Passenger, Bright Eyes and others. Traditional sea shanties and ballads too!

Capricious is back for sale!



The Cal 29 Capricious is up for sale. Many of you may remember her from her racing days with Ed Poe before he sold her several years back. The new owner has decided to part ways with **Capricious** since he hasn't been able to use her as much as he envisioned. She has a wonderful pedigree and would be a great boat for a new racer to enjoy. If you, any of your

crew, or anyone else you might know would be interested please have them reach out to Charles Pett (contact information below) we would love to see her back racing on Wednesday nights!

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