



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 dogs and burger days of summer for those that attended the August picnic at Mil-bur. More details later in this ***Old Man*** about the annual gathering at the Mil-bur community park.



Our sailing program concluded last month with 30 students and with the help of Shep Drain, our Fleetmaster and others, our fleet is back at home at the Looper's property. We are working to find out what will happen with the Looper property and will update you as we talk to the folks that are handling the estate. If you know anywhere that we can store our boats if we need to move them, please let us know. [Photo credit: Abby Buritt]

It also is the last year that Grace will be Fleet Captain Junior Training as she has graduated and moved to North Carolina. The success of our program rests with this position so please get the word out to folks that can step up for us next year. We are building momentum back into the program with more students including four (4) students this year from Grachur. Remember we

used to have a wait list for the program so let's get it back to where we have 40 students each year!

As I believe folks are aware, we have lost membership over the years and as the Board of Governors (BoG) gets started in thinking about next year we continue to work on how to recruit and retain members. We have had several ideas discussed this year and will roll them out to the membership in the coming months but appreciate additional feedback.

One of the areas that has and will continue to need to be expanded is getting the word out about MRSA. We have been successful in getting articles in the **Severna Park Voice** and have been posting on our Facebook [page](#) about our social, cruising and racing events. How can you help? Here are a few ideas:

- Fly the MRSA burgee on your boat
- Display the MRSA burgee on your car
- Wear MRSA clothing to sailing events
- Invite others to like the MRSA Facebook page (currently 434 friends, can we get that to 600?)

If you have other ideas, please let us know. We always appreciate members' insight, ideas and support.

Next up on the cruise schedule is the long cruise over Labor Day and our next social event will be on Thursday, October 24th at Café Mezzanotte (Severna Park); more details to follow as we finalize the details.

It's been another 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,

Ed Tracey, commodore@magothysailing.org

Racing Corner

Well, the summer weather has been a challenge, but so far we have had to cancel only two races. We'll continue to do our best to get every race in, but safety has to be our top priority. We appreciate your continued understanding and support!

Series 2 we saw some close racing. In the Spin fleet, Ed Tracey and Tim Polk took the top spot on ***Incommunicado***. Dave Prucnal and his crew on ***Ultra Violet*** scored a close second, with only 0.5 points keeping them out of first. Bringing it home in the third spot was Bruce Mitchell and company on ***Charlie***.

Non-Spin also saw tight racing in the top spots, with Alan Weiss on ***Endless Summer*** taking the lead. Woody Woodford and his crew on ***Latika*** raced into the second slot, as ***Allu***, skippered by Joe Berchielli, sailed into third.

For the Multi-hulls, it was Jeff Thompson taking first with ***Patriot***.

Series 3 was just as competitive, but this time in the Spin class, Dave Prucnal and his team on ***Ultra Violet*** were able to take the top spot, with Ed Tracey and Tim Polk bringing ***Incommunicado*** into second. Shep Drain on ***Hey Day*** rounded out the group with a strong third.

In the Non-Spin class, Larry Helms on ***Windswept*** had a commanding hold on first place. Alan Weiss and ***Endless Summer*** sailed into second place, with Bob Aaron and his crew on ***White Lightening*** giving close chase for their capture of the third spot.

Lastly, our end of season racing party will be Wednesday, 9 October at the PSA clubhouse again this year, so please save the date. More details to follow.

Looking forward to some more close races in the weeks to come! See you out on the water.

Chris Lindsey, Rear Commodore, rear_commodore@magothysailing.org

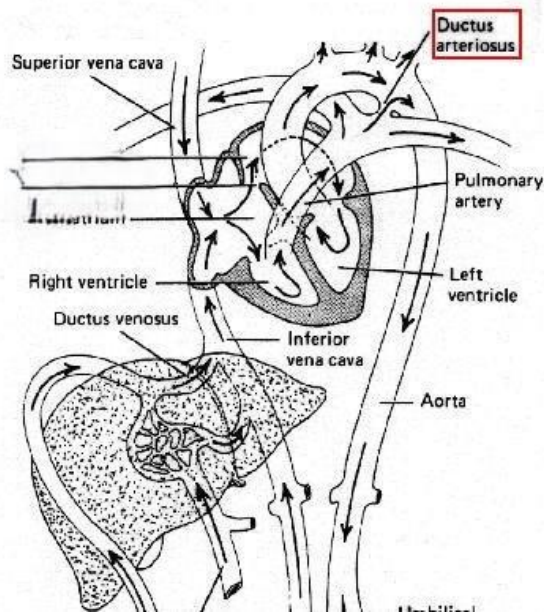
Racing Social Chair



Great raft up July 31, 2024, with about half a dozen boats full of thirsty crew. Jack Lusby did a fine job selecting beers for tasting....and then some. The next raft up will be at end of August hosted by James Bradac and the crew of ***Mischief***. If you missed this last one, the next one is your last chance for this year. Raft ups are a great chance to mingle and make this part of MRSA a racing social club vs just a racing club.

Fun marine story: ***Endless Summer***, my 41-year-old child (sailboat), had open heart (oil pump) surgery. The surgeon (mechanical genius) Jason, her

surgeon, opened her chest (front engine cover) at 3 PM on a Thursday. He dissected (removed tons of parts LOL) and excised the old oil pump (heart), to find a shear pin had broken and the rotors would not spin (no contraction to move blood past the valves).



A new heart (pump) was implanted, and the chest (front engine cover) was closed. Defibrillation (started the motor) but she remained in atrial fibrillation (oil pump alarm going off still). Either the return Inferior Vena Cava was obstructed (oil pump sump in the oil pan), or the out-flow aorta was stenosed (oil lines and banjo fittings). We ordered a new Inferior Vena Cava (sump) but in the meantime opened up the aorta and bled her (opened up the banjo fitting) and voilaflow...the obstruction was dislodged.

Once the wounds were closed (lines replaced) she defibrillated and ran beautifully. NO ALARM.

The surgeon (Jason) was the only one in town willing to do the procedure and is a genius. A wing in the hospital (the boat) will be named after him.

Alan Weiss, sailingdr@aol.com

Cruising Corner

Hello Fellow Cruisers,

In August we had a cruise to Chesapeake Yacht Club, hosted by Joe & Diane Jackins. If you did not get a chance to visit this YC, you may want to consider penciling it in for the new year. Besides being a great weekend cruise from Magothy River to West River, the facilities are first class. Thank you, Joe & Diane, for hosting MRSA.

There was a strong presence of MRSA at the piers, club burgees flying high on the following member's vessels; Dave and Shari Argue, Ziya and Joyce Gun, Joe and Diane Jackins, John and Debbi Lund, Kent and Nancy Shaffer. Our flotilla was augmented by land cruisers, piloted by Dave Gendell, and Homer and Sherry Sandridge.

Our next cruise is the MRSA long cruise, scheduled for August 31 – September 7. It is not too late to join us; please see the Save the Date from cruise leader Debbie Lund that follows. We will continue our fall cruise series with MRSA Omelet Cruise to Church Creek hosted by Rich & Toni Hughes; please see the note from Rich Hughes, also under Save the Date.

The final two cruises on our calendar still need leaders. If you can lead any one of these cruises, please let me know. The traditional destinations are below, but they can be reimagined by a new leader.

Worton Creek Oct 5-6

Frostbite Cruise Oct 19-20



On a separate note, I contacted Shamrock Awards and Engraving and had them make MRSA name tags with magnetic backs for Joyce and myself. Here's a picture. If you'd like to have one made for yourself, here's the contact information:

Shamrock Awards and Engraving

900 Crain Hwy N, Glen Burnie, MD 21061

Phone: (410) 766-4866; Cost: \$8.50

They have the design in their system, by sending in new name(s), name tags can be made. No minimum number is required, and they do ship locally for a nominal fee. Interested MRSA members can contact Shamrock directly and place their order, or I can place a group order, if there is sufficient interest.

See you out on the water,

Ziya Gun, FC – Cruising, cruising@magothysailing.org

Cruise Report: Mil-Bur



What a day! With nearly 40 members present at this year's MRSA Summer Picnic, the temperatures reached the lower nineties. As we sat under the Mil-Bur shade trees, the wind coming from the south reached a constant 20-25 mph, cooling everyone but playing havoc with the tablecloths. There were

almost white caps in the pool, but no members had to be rescued. There were hot dogs, hamburgers and Italian sausages with plenty of side dishes to go around. It was good to see everyone, and I am sure there were some tall sailing stories and maintenance tips to be heard.



We would like to thank Larry Turner, for his amazing musical entertainment, and all the members who helped cook and clean up. The park was spotless as we left, ready for the next party on Sunday. Look to see if you recognize anyone in the pictures below!







Thanks,

Dave Pirone & Bill Taylor

SAVE THE DATE

MRSA LABOR DAY CRUISE AND LONG CRUISE

August 31-September 8, 2024

This year the Long Cruise will be the week following the Labor Day weekend. During the cruise planning meeting in February, it was discussed that the destination will be the Choptank River. Please let me know if you're interested in attending either the Labor Day Weekend cruise, the Long Cruise, or both.

If you have any requests or suggestions for the cruise, just let me know. Currently, everything is very flexible. Please let me know if you are thinking about attending any of the cruises by emailing me at dlund210@gmail.com. Hopefully by September, it will be cooler.

Debbie Lund

MRSA Omelet Cruise to Church Creek, September 21st and 22nd

September 21st and 22nd is the Brunch Cruise to Church Creek on the South River. Plan to arrive by boat or land yacht by 1700 hours on Saturday to enjoy happy hour ashore at the Wilelinor Community beachfront. Bring an hors d'oeuvre to share. In case of inclement weather, happy hour will be in the community pavilion adjacent to the marina and beach area. A gas grill will be available for anyone interested in cooking dinner ashore. If you arrive by auto, the Wilelinor community beachfront is located at 34 Wilelinor Drive at the end of Wilelinor Drive. Parking is on the left before the driveway to the marina.

Sunday morning, Rich and Toni will host the annual omelet brunch and open house at their home, 11 Carvel Circle in Edgewater. If you cannot come by boat, plan to arrive by land yacht and enjoy a weekend on the South River. Please RSVP to ensure we have enough eggs to feed the masses. We plan to serve brunch beginning at 0900 hours and will continue until all the eggs have been consumed. Please bring a pastry or fruit to share.

Please note that the cruise schedule published in the **Red Book** only indicates the cruise to occur on September 21: the cruise is a two-day event on Sept 21st – 22nd.