



# The Old Man

*The Monthly Newsletter of the Magothy River  
Sailing Association*



## November 2024

### *Commodore's Comments*



MRSA's Fall Meeting was held on October 24 at Café Mezzanotte in Severna Park. Twenty-five folks joined us for a great open bar and dinner followed by our two speakers. MRSA member David Hankey provided an overview of the

Chesapeake Region Accessible Boating (CRAB) organization. CRAB was founded on the principle that people with disabilities can and should be able to live fulfilling and joyful lives and have equitable access to meaningful therapeutic recreation. They are a great organization and if you are interested in more information on the work they do or how you can support them please visit <https://crabsailing.org/>.



We also had Philippe Ourisson from the Yacht Club of Cape St. Claire (YCCSC) give us an update on their Friday night racing program which several MRSA members enjoy participating in their low-key racing series. We appreciate YCCSC's invitation to their Friday night racing and if you are interested in getting out whether you are an experienced

racer or new racer it's a great program.

And talking about elections we will still have a few open positions, our current slate of officers to be voted on is as follows:

- Commodore – John Ratino
- Vice Commodore – David Argue
- Rear Commodore – TBD
- Race Committee Chair – D.J. Parry
- Fleet Captain Junior Training – TBD
- Secretary – Angela Cremens
- Treasurer—Kristen Mullins
- Fleet Master—Shep Drain

Hope to see you at the December meeting; otherwise, be safe and don't worry as after our December meeting it will only be about 110 days to the official first day of Spring!

Cheers,

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## Eight Bells

Jon Mullarky (1939 – 2024)

As some of you may have seen Jon passed away earlier this month. Jon was Commodore of MRSA in 2011. We posted his obituary below.

Jon Irving Mullarky of Chester, Maryland, a dedicated civil engineer and a retired Navy officer, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, November 6, 2024. He was 85 years old.

Born in Charles City, Iowa, on April 19, 1939, Jon was the beloved son of the late Irving and Dorothy Mullarky. He was predeceased by his cherished wife, Judith 'Judy' Mullarky, and his brother, Richard 'Dick' Mullarky.

Jon enjoyed a distinguished career that spanned both military and civilian service. He proudly served in the United States Navy, retiring at the rank of Commander, a testament to his leadership and dedication. Following his military service, Jon applied his skills in civil engineering, spending many years with the National Ready Mixed Concrete Association in Silver Spring and contributing to the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) as a contractor, overseeing grant administration for concrete bridges.

An active participant in standard-setting committees for concrete, including the American Concrete Institute (ACI), Jon was committed to advancing the field through his expertise and leadership. His contributions had a lasting impact on the construction and engineering sectors.

Outside of his professional life, Jon found joy in sailing, a pastime that provided relaxation and a sense of adventure in his retirement years.

Jon leaves behind a loving family, including his sons, Michael Mullarky and Robert Mullarky. He is fondly remembered as a devoted father and friend, whose wisdom, dedication, and love touched all who knew him.

The Mullarky family extends their deepest gratitude for the support and kindness shown by relatives and friends during this difficult time. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to Toys for Tots in Jon's memory. Please click [HERE](#) for donation link.

Jon's legacy of service, both in his professional and personal life, will be long remembered by those who had the privilege to know and love him. May he rest in peace

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## ***Junior Training***

Hello all!

Junior Training is looking for a new Fleet Captain (Program Director) for next year. While I wish it were possible for me to continue managing and planning our summer program, I will be unable to do so this coming summer. As most of you know, I have moved down to North Carolina. If you, or someone you know, would be interested in learning more about the Fleet Captain – Junior Training position, please reach out to me ([gobrien2001@gmail.com](mailto:gobrien2001@gmail.com)) or Ed Tracey for the job description. Our articles of incorporation from almost 50 years point to our mission to “Participate in the training of juniors and adults in the skills for sailing and seamanship,” and we look forward to continuing this tradition next year. Although I will no longer be the Fleet Captain, I will be right by your side as the registrar in the upcoming year. I hope to be able to share what I have learned over the past three years with you and be a resource throughout the two-week program.

I have enjoyed running this program these past few years and watching each sailor grow. Being able to hear the adventures of my instructors and students brings me so much joy. This has truly been such a rewarding experience, and I am

so lucky to have had the opportunity to give back to the sailing association that taught little 9-year-old Grace how to sail.

This position has been held by parents, grandparents, and college students over many years, and we would gladly offer tuition benefits for a parent or grandparent that has students in the program. Please spread the word and reach out to one of us if you have any questions or comments.

Thanks!

**Grace O'Brien, Outgoing Fleet Captain, [gobrien2001@gmail.com](mailto:gobrien2001@gmail.com)**

## ***Cruising Corner***

Hello Cruisers,

As we are marching through November and heading into holiday season, spring is only a few months away. Now is the time to take care of our boats, ask Santa or Hanukkah Man for expensive boat toys/gear/more boat toys, new sails, electronics, etc.

It is never too soon to start planning for the next cruising season. Please reach out to me with your suggestions for the upcoming season to try out new locations or visit some old favorites. Maybe you can invite one or two friends or neighbors to join us.

I hope to see everyone at the Belvedere Yacht Club on Thursday, December 5<sup>th</sup>, at the MRSA Annual Meeting

Regards,

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## ***Boat for Sale: Keep It in the Fleet***

[Editor's note: while we don't accept classified ads, we do have a tradition of featuring boats in the MRSA family that are for sale. It's a great way to keep an old friend in the fleet, plus you'll have the former owner around if you have questions. We'd also love to feature new boats, so if you've recently added to your fleet, let us know.]

Dear Friends,



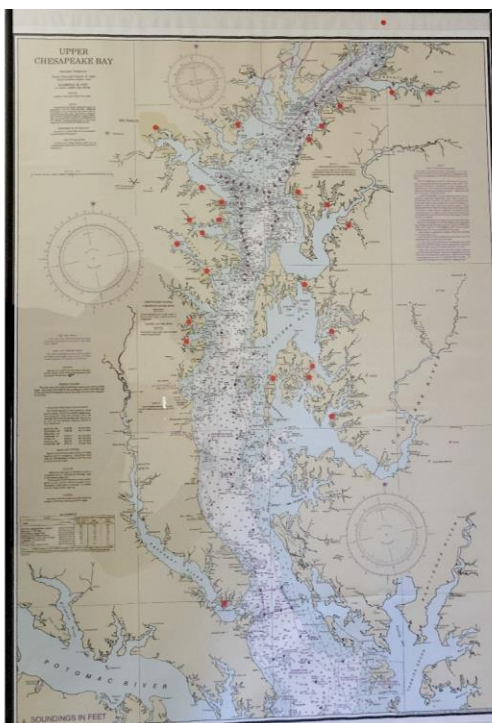
After seven wonderful seasons, Joyce and I have decided to part ways with our sailboat, ***Island Time***, a 1989 Island Packet 31. Before we put our boat on the market, we wanted to give our friends here MRSA a chance to express interest before anyone else. If you, or someone you know is interested in owning our SV Island Time, please let us know.

We have not decided on the sale price since a private sale would save everyone the commissions and fees associated with a broker service.

We have made some major improvements during the seven years;

- Added top of the line Kato Dingy Davits
- Mack Sails Lazy Jack system for the main sail
- Three brand new sails, one never hoisted
- Raycor filter
- All LED lights, including mast top anchor light
- New anchor rode
- Too many others to mention here!

Last month, I had an engine oil analysis performed by a lab and the YANMAR engine has received a "clean bill of health." All these documents and features are available to view and go out for a test ride.



Here's a Chesapeake Bay chart showing where we visited on our beloved IP 31. We enjoyed our time sailing ***Island Time*** and it's our hope the next owners will have just much fun as we did.

Regards,

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