



The Old Man

*The Monthly Newsletter of the Magothy River
Sailing Association*



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Commodore's Comments

It's amazing how quickly the sailing season goes by... last time I remembered we were mid-way through the cruising season, only in Series 3 for racing, and the Mil-Bur community picnic was coming up. Next thing I know Wednesday night racing is over, and the frostbite cruise is less than 30 days away! As they say time waits for no one... but sailing season isn't over quite yet and this is one of the best times to be out sailing with lower temperatures, better winds, and the water still warm.

Last month I mentioned some thoughts on how to get MRSA out into the community and I appreciate folks inviting others to follow MRSA on Facebook. We are up to 536 followers (424 in August) so please continue to recommend MRSA to others on Facebook. Also, we will make sure that we have MRSA burgee stickers available at MRSA events and if you need a burgee, please let us know and we will connect you to the right folks to purchase one (Loura has a great source for low-cost burgees).

Also, it's that time of year that you can help MRSA by volunteering for a position within the organization. We are working on finalizing the nomination committee but need your help in filling in open positions. MRSA cannot function without volunteers, and we have had many folks over the years step up. If you haven't volunteered in the past, please consider helping next year. It's a great way to support the organization and keep us moving towards our next big anniversary in ten years (60 years, the diamond anniversary!).

Next up on the social calendar (beyond racing and cruising activities) is our Fall Dinner at Café Mezzanotte on Thursday, October 24th. Great food and time to catch up with members, more details will be coming out shortly. Have a great September/early October of sailing and hope to see you soon!

Cheers,

Ed

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Racing Corner

This year's End of Racing Season Party will be held Wednesday, Oct 9th, 6:00-9:00 at the PSA clubhouse, 283 Cove Rd on Blackhole Creek. **Please note that this party is open to ALL MRSA club members and not just racers.** I will be sending out an RSVP sheet shortly. MRSA will be providing subs and drinks and we'll ask attendees to bring an appetizer or dessert.

AND, back by popular demand, Larry Turner will once again provide musical entertainment. Hope to see you there!

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Cruising Corner

What a wonderful cruising season it's been! We had our annual long cruise (August 31-September 8, 2024), with as many as six boats, with some arriving later during the cruise and others leaving earlier. We had great weather, two strong windy days (I hit my hull speed on boat days), an unfortunate mishap (see Debbie's article), but at the end, everyone returned home in one piece. One highlight was the MRSA cruise dinner in Oxford, MD at the historic Robert Morris Inn. We had two tables with 17 members in attendance. The boats who joined over the course of the cruise were ***Chapter Three***, John and Debra Lund; ***Island Time***, Joyce and Ziya Gun; ***Mariah***, David and Shari Argue; ***Frequent Flyer***, Michael

and Loura Bonham; **Coquille**, Larry Turner and Angela Cremeans; and **Dark Star**, Stu and Vicky Timerman. Rich and Toni Hughes, and Dani Boyer joined us by land cruiser at dinner in Oxford.

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MRSA September Long Cruise 2024

By Debbie Lund; photos by Ziya and Joyce Gun



This year the cruising group of MRSA decided to do a one-week cruise starting Labor Day weekend. Rather than doing long days, we also decided to explore the Choptank River. For once, the weather was great with warm days and cool nights.

On Saturday, August 31st, Mike and Loura Bonham on **Frequent Flyer**, Debbie and John Lund on **Chapter Three**, Joyce and Ziya Gun on **Island Time** and David and Shari Argue on **Mariah** gathered in Galesville,

West River. Former members, Rod Swank and Dennise Fath on **Moxie**, joined us for happy hour.

The Choptank River exploring started on Sunday by going to San Domingo Creek off Broad Creek. This creek is better known as the back door to St. Michaels. It is less crowded than the Miles River side of St. Michaels. Two boats ventured in Knapps Narrows and two boats went around Tilghman Point. **Chapter Three** even flew a spinnaker (only 5 knots of wind). Stu and Vicky Timerman on **Dark Star** and Larry Turner and Angela Cremeans on **Coquille** joined the cruise. A cold front came through during the night which gave us northerly winds for several days.

On Monday, Larry and Angela started to head home and the rest of the group sailed to Oxford. We had dinner at the Robert Morris Inn and were joined by several members who came by land yacht: Rich and Toni Hughes, Denise Boyer, Fred and Sue Betz.

Five boats continued to head farther east on the Choptank to LaTrappe Creek on Tuesday. This creek has not changed since I started cruising the Bay (too many years to count). It is a very peaceful anchorage during the week. The next destination was Cambridge.

Cambridge municipal marina is very accommodating and close to the downtown area. Everything was great and uneventful on the cruise until Wednesday night. Getting on the boat, John fell and broke 9 ribs. Luckily, the Timermans had a car and we were able to get to Easton Hospital. John was admitted to the hospital for 3 days. With the help of Stu Timerman, I got the boat back to Annapolis on Thursday. The Bonhams escorted us to Annapolis. The Guns and Argues went to Dunn Cove on Harris Creek on Thursday. On Friday, the Guns went to Galesville and the Argues and Bonhams went home.

The plan was to go to Shaw Bay for the Eastport Oyster Boys concert. The Boyers were the only boat representing MRSA at the concert.

One thing to take away from the week is that things can change in a heartbeat. We were very lucky to be in a town when the accident occurred and not in a creek in the middle of nowhere. It also helped to be with a group and not by ourselves. The biggest problem John has is sleeping. Thanks for everyone's thoughts and prayers.



Church Creek Cruise

Rich and Toni Hughes hosted the Church Creek Cruise, complete with a happy hour and omelets! Thanks to them for their great hospitality, and to Joyce and Ziya Gun for the photos.







