



The Old Man

*The Monthly Newsletter of the Magothy River
Sailing Association*



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Commodore's Comments

Well, my boat is in the water, and I am planning to go out sailing today. The weather is beautiful, and life is good!

Our annual Sock Burning is just around the corner. This year we will be holding the Sock Burning at Twin Harbor Pavilion (181 Baybourne Dr, Arnold, MD 21012) from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm on May 3rd. Larry Turner (aka, The Six String Sailor) will be entertaining us with music. There are more details about the event in Dave Argue's column at the end of the newsletter. I hope you will be able to attend. Please remember that your family and friends are invited, and the Sock Buning is a wonderful venue for introducing prospective new members to MRSA!

MRSA's Wednesday Evening Race Series started on April 23rd, and the MRSA Shakedown Cruise will be combined with the Sock Burning and held on May 3rd. So, let's get out on the water!

Although we do currently have a waiting list, we would like to have more students for our Junior Training program. The Program will be held on weekdays from Monday, July 7th to Friday, July 18th. Please reach out to anyone you know who might be interested. Registration is online and the forms can be found at <https://magothysailing.org/junior-training/>.

Finally, I wanted to let everyone know that the BOG has recently formed a committee headed by Ed Tracey to investigate updating our By-Laws. So, if you have any ideas for changes, please feel free to reach out to Ed at sailfastmd@me.com.

Cheers,

John Ratino, Commodore, commodore@magothysailing.org

Junior Training

Junior Training Program Notice for Additional Instructors and Participants

We are looking for additional participants and instructors for our annual junior training program that will run weekdays from July 7-18 for children ages 9-17. We aim to further the skills and enjoyment of sailing in our youth! If you or your children are interested, please go to <https://magothysailing.org/junior-training/> for additional information or contact us by email at juniortraining@magothysailing.org.

Basic requirements for instructors include: age 15+, experience working with children, small boat sailing skills, Maryland Safe Boater license (or equivalent), current CPR and first aid certification. If you meet these requirements and would like to be considered for an instructor position, please contact us at juniortraining@magothysailing.org.

Yvonne Dedrickson, Fleet Captain, Junior Training

Racing Corner

Registration for Wednesday nights has been strong, and it appears the fleet will be the same size as last season, between 21-23 boats - with a few new sailors joining us. A few other people have indicated interest in joining. If you are looking for crew (or a boat to sail on!) – Alan keeps a great list updated on the website; it's under the crew-boat heading in the racing section.

Interest in the practice starts for April 16th was strong; unfortunately, the breeze was too and so we decided to stay on the dock for the day. Thanks to the volunteers who responded, we are going to try again next year.

The club-sponsored CBYRA spring race, the spring fling is on May 3rd. The race format is designed for casual pursuit style racing adding the intrigue of picking

your own way around the course. Registration is here <https://www.nextsailor.com/app/page/regatta/866>.

DJ Parry, Race Committee Chair; race_committee@magothysailing.org

Racing Social Chair

I am pleased to announce that Dave Argue has stepped up to do beer boat duty. The first one will be in June, and it would be really, really wonderful if we could get cruisers to join us and make this a huge event. Once we have the dates chosen, we will need head count so we can provide enough beer. Without a clubhouse these events really mean so much. That said, our new clubhouse [Dobbins Island](#) will be a welcome addition LOL.

My matchmaking work is in full force and we have boats and crew listed. Please look at the listings on our website dropdown RACERS. Contact information is provided there as well as the level of experience, percentage of races intended to attend, and the boat culture (intense, laid back, casual).

Alan Weiss, Racing Social Chair, sailingdr@aol.com

Cruising Corner

Hello Cruisers,

The East Port Yacht Club (EYC) led Memorial Day Cruise to Wye River signup page is now OPEN !!!

[Memorial Day Weekend at Granary Creek - Eastport Yacht Club](#)

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Deadline to register is May 14 - there are no REFUNDS. I hope you can make it by land or sea. If coming by land, there are a few cabins on the island.

If you are coming by boat, please send me a courtesy email with your name, your boat's name, and a crew list.

I am acting as MRSA liaison to EYC for this event and they would like to have a handle on head count and arrivals.

See you out on the water!

Fleet Captain Ziya Gun, SV Island Breeze, cruising@magothysailing.org

Membership Corner

The weather is warming, gentle breezes are blowing through the leaf buds on the trees, boats are starting to splash on the Magothy. It must be time for the **MRSA Sock Burning Party!** Indeed, it is. The traditional start of the sailing year for MRSA has arrived, and we will kick it off with a cookout, fire, live music, and the opportunity to share both the company of your fellow sailors and the smells of their dirty old socks burning. What could be better?

This year, our Sock Burning Party will be on **Saturday, May 3 from 4:00 – 7:00 pm**. We are switching locations to the **Twin Harbors Marina Pavilion** at the end of Baybourne Drive in Arnold. I have put in an order for good weather (and there is a spacious covered area for anyone shunning the sun). Best of all, our own Larry Turner (aka, The Six String Sailor) will be treating us to his excellent musical talents. So, mark your calendars to join us for the food, drinks and merriment.

MRSA will provide hamburgers, hot dogs, buns, condiments and beer/wine/soda/water. **We request attendees to bring side dishes, appetizers or desserts to share with the group**, and please don't forget your old socks. If you drive, please watch for parking directions: you can park head-in toward the wooden posts adjacent to the pavilion area shortly after you pass the gate, or else back beyond the stop sign at the Bayborne/Mill Harbor Drive intersection **(not along the narrow lane between the stop sign and the pavilion)**. If you come by sea, there is good anchorage on Dividing Creek, but be sure to respect the red buoy as you enter. A number of benches and tables are available for sitting, but it might be a good idea to toss a folding chair into your trunk in case you need it.

Please let me know if you will attend and how many in your party we should expect, to help us in the planning process. You can email me at vice_commodore@magothysailing.org, or you can text or call me at 240-476-5097.

Thanks, and we look forward to seeing you.

David Argue, MRSA Vice Commodore, vice_commodore@magothysailing.org