



The Old Man

*The Monthly Newsletter of the Magothy River
Sailing Association*



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Commodore's Comments

Wow, the weather has turned and it sure is nice to finally get a break from winter! My thoughts have already wandered to spring, and I am starting to feel excited about another sailing season! Some small canvas repairs, new bottom paint, a little this and that, and I'll soon be ready to launch, well maybe in a month or so!

Please mark your calendars for the MRSA Annual Spring Brunch on Sunday, March 23rd. It will be held at Park Books Community Space in Severna Park, with catering by Garry's Grill, and we'll hear the fascinating tale of the saving of the SV ***Mariah*** off the Jersey coast. The BOG is busy finalizing MRSA's 2025 Racing, Cruising and Social calendars, so more will be forthcoming on our other activities. Remember, friends, family and guests are welcome at MRSA activities, and prospective new MRSA members are particularly welcome!

We are working to have the 2025 Red Book ready for distribution by the Spring Brunch. The Redbook will be available electronically, and a printed version will be available for a small fee. Please contact our Webmaster Jeff Thompson (webmaster@magothysailing.org) if you need assistance finding the Redbook online.

I would like to thank Yvonne Dedrickson, Grace O'Brien, Shep Drain and Angela Ward for their work on junior training preparations and planning. It really takes tremendous effort and a lot of commitment to run a high-quality junior sailing

program like MRSA's. Our junior training program is scheduled to run on weekdays from Monday, July 7th to Friday, July 18th. You can help by telling people about the MRSA junior sailing program and encouraging enrollment. We definitely could use a few more students this year!

Thanks to everyone who has renewed their membership. Your continued support is appreciated, and please remember to spread the word about MRSA.

Cheers,

John

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Members' Corner



We're welcoming some new members this month! First is Yvonne and Les Dedrickson. Yvonne is no stranger to MRSA and has already stepped up to be the Junior Training Fleet Captain. She and her husband have SV **Vayu**, a Fountain Pajot Saba 50. She's based at Compass Point Marina in St. Thomas. Yvonne has been sailing on the **Incommunicado** racing team with Ed Tracey and Tim Polk for about 30 years. They have sailed the catamaran from Annapolis to St. Thomas (or vice versa) 3 times and have done multiple distance cruises in the Caribbean. Their daughters, Alyssa and Tara, both attended the Junior Training camp many years ago.

The next family are the Stringers, Tom and Sally. They own a Macgregor 26, **Ripple**, which they keep on the Magothy. In their own words, "[We] have owned and sailed in Southern California with numerous trips between Ventura, Channel Islands, Long Beach and San Diego, [and] have owned our Macgregor since 2005, [which we] recently sailed/ motorsailed to Outer Banks, NC via ICW." They are also no strangers to MRSA, having previously been members, and also having run the Junior Training program for a season. Tom is interested in getting more

involved with racing on others boats.

Spring Brunch and General Membership Meeting

Hello MRSA Members:

Our **Spring Brunch and General Membership Meeting** will be held on **March 23 at 11:30 – 1:30**. The location is the Park Books Event Space at 555 Baltimore Annapolis Blvd in Severna Park, and the food will be catered by Garry's Grill. The Event Space is on the second floor of the shopping center, just up the external stairs in front of Park Books. Signs will be posted to direct you to the space.

The **brunch menu** includes:

Fresh fruit (melons and berries), breakfast pastries, Danishes, mini pumpkin muffins, scrambled eggs with cheese, apple-wood smoked bacon, maple sausage links, Garry's French toast, coffee, tea, orange juice, Mimosas, wine, beer, and soda.

The **brunch speaker** is an experienced sailor who will tell his first-hand story of encountering a near disaster while delivering a 35' sailboat from New York to the Chesapeake. Rough following seas off the New Jersey coast and the catastrophic loss of all steerage had the boat blowing steadily toward crashing ashore amid the pounding breakers. Find out what comes next when you hear him relay the tale and map out the journey.

Alas, we have some **MRSA club business** to conduct as well, but that should not take much time away from the good opportunity to enjoy a delicious breakfast and socialize with fellow sailing friends.

The **cost of the brunch** is \$42 per person which includes the brunch and libations as well as tax and gratuity.

To reserve a place at the brunch, **please e-mail me the names of your attendees no later than March 16.**

You can send me a check payable to MRSA, bring a check to the event, or pay through PayPal or [Venmo](#). My mailing address is 203 McLean Place, Severna Park, MD 21146.

We look forward to seeing all of you on March 23.

David Argue, Vice Commodore; vice_commodore@magothysailing.org

Junior Training

The Magothy River Sailing Association and the Grachur Club will again offer Junior Training for budding sailors this summer. The program, one of the oldest on the Magothy River, teaches lifelong sailing and water safety skills.

The program will be held on weekdays from July 7th to July 18th at the Grachur Club in Pasadena. Registration is open with priority going to MRSA and Grachur Club members (memberships are available for those interested but is not required). Please visit magothysailing.org/junior-training for more information.

Our program is a volunteer-supported program with our members and junior training families helping to support the program (rigging, derigging, moving boats). This is a great opportunity for those of you who enroll sailors in junior training to get a taste of what it takes to support the sailing life.

If you or anyone you know is interested, please contact juniortraining@magothysailing.org!

Racing Corner



While it may seem silly to think about racing while we watch the 4 seasons of Maryland winter pass by our windows, Ed & I have already hit the ground running to kick off the 2025 racing season. We have been dusting off the hard work of previous years' committees to make sure that everything is as seamless as possible.

On Wednesdays, we are going to remain with the PHRF scoring system that we all know (& love!, or hate, or have reserved opinions on), while also building off the “fun scoring” or the “MURF: Magothy Unified Rating (for) Fun” that John & Chris started last year. Registration is open on the website, and the NOR and paper registration forms will be passed out during the meeting.

Speaking of spring planning, now that Ledos has moved into their new location, they do not have space available for us to have a private gathering. In an attempt to try to keep the location nearby, Ed has reserved space at the [Social](#) restaurant in the Harris Teeter shopping center in Severna Park. The planning meeting will be on Wednesday, March 19th, with a social hour starting at 6 PM. We'll send an agenda as we get closer. Please RSVP to either me or Ed by March 17th. At the meeting we will expound further on our thoughts of MURF. We invite your thoughts/comments on fun scoring either at the meeting or through an e-mail to either myself, DJ Parry at race_committee@magothysailing.org or Ed Tracey rear_commodore@magothysailing.org

Spring Fling is on the schedule for May 3rd. We will be keeping the same format as last year, a timed race either clockwise or counterclockwise around CBYRA marks in the Bay. Keep an eye on your e-mail inbox for the NOR & registration information.

Finally, a new addition to our calendar this year is RC training that I will be conducting on April 16th. For anyone interested in some hands-on training and a Q&A, we will be setting up a start line on the racecourse and going through the starting sequence two or three times. For any racers conducting practice on that

day, you are welcome to come line up and indulge RC trainees in practice starts as we go through the RC script. More details will be forthcoming.

I want to thank Ed for nominating me to race committee chair & the club for electing me to the position. I have been racing with the Mitchell family on Charlie since 2013, prior to that I've been racing around the bay in dinghies and in PHRF events since 2000. I crew with Ed in Baltimore City's Tuesday night racing during the summer, and also compete on J/24s in Annapolis on Thursdays & the occasional Friday. My fiancée, Michelle, and I also compete in single & doublehanded events around the bay on our old Beneteau 310, *Escapade*, and hope to do the same on our new Pogo 12.50 after we deliver it from the Caribbean. Speaking of which, I owe Ed more gratitude for offering to cover for me at the spring meeting while I undertake the first leg of that delivery. In the meantime, I ask for your comments & gripes at race_committee@magothysailing.org. Hope to see everyone on the water this Spring!

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Cruising Corner

Hello Cruisers,

Working with group of cruisers, we have put together a draft version of the 2025 Cruising calendar. I would like to run it by everyone, with the intension of:

- Making you aware of the planned activities;
- Giving everyone a chance to catch mistakes, suggest changes;
- Filling in the few missing spots on the calendar.

Event	Cruise Leaders	Date
Sock Burning / Twin Harbor	Joyce & Ziya	Saturday, May 3, 2025
Memorial Day/Wye River	Joyce & Ziya	May 24,25,26
Rideout Creek	Larry & Angela	June 28,29
3rd of July North Point Marina / Rock Hall	(TBD)	July 3,4
Eagle Cove	Mike & Loura Bonham	(TBD)
MRSA Picnic/ Milburn Park	Dave Pirone	Saturday, August 2, 2025
Chesapeake YC	Joe Jackins	August 16,17
August 31-September 7 Long Cruise	John & Debbie Lund	August 30 to September 7
Church Creek	Rich & Toni Hughes	September 20,21

Frosbite Cruise	David & Shari Argue	(TBD)
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As you can see, the Rock Hall Cruise needs a leader since I am not sure if we are going to be in town that weekend

These two below were mentioned in the past, but no one stepped forward to lead them. If you are interested in leading them, let me know; otherwise, they will be dropped from the calendar.

Family Cruise	(TBD)	(TBD)
Worton Creek	(TBD)	(TBD)

Please let me know what you suggest before we go to print in the Red Book – deadline end of February.

Regards,

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