

MAGOTHY RIVER SAILING ASSOCIATION

PRE-CRUISE DESTINATION REPORT

DATES: Apr 29-30

Title of Cruise: Sock Burning Cruise

Destination: 39° 05.26' N 76° 28.70' W, Looper's beach, at Broad Creek, off the Magothy.

Navigation: Follow creek in from R2, heading 335° for about .35nm, then swing north to anchorage. In the past, some boaters have not paid strict attention to their charts, and have run aground by the "Glass House", or on the shoal that protrudes from the western shore. To help you recognize the location, and to burn the socks, there will be a bonfire on the Looper Beach, located on the western shore of Broad Creek, past the numerous piers. If you can't see the bonfire, note the MRSA cruising flag on the pier, and the small, roofed pavilion on the beach, just prior to an uninhabited area.

If you have to resort to sailing your "land-boat", use the following directions. Go east on Route 100 towards Gibson Island, until it merges with Mountain Road, Route 177. Turn right on North Shore, (past the fire station on the left and elementary school on right) and stay straight on Eagle Hill where North Shore bends to the left. Immediately after reaching the top of the hill, look for the first chance to turn left. There will be a placard posted with MRSA on it. If you are coming this way, drive a car that can handle rough roads, or you may wish to park before you come down through the woods, and walk down.

Anchorage: Good holding for the most part fair bit of room. Dingy up onto the beach or at the pier.

Activities: It's spring, and that means that summer isn't far behind. We've had many warm days this winter, so hopefully we'll have excellent weather and we can safely shed our socks at the annual Shakedown/Sockburning Cruise April 29th on the Magothy's Broad Creek. The Volvo Ocean Race participants will race an "In-Port Race" in the Chesapeake Bay In Port Race : *The In-Port Race will take place west of the Chester River. The course will be determined by the wind direction. The start of the Race may be delayed depending on the wind conditions. April 29th, starting at 1 p.m.* There will be plenty of time to go out to the Bay, see what you can see of the race, and make it back to the "Raft-up" on Looper's beach, at Broad Creek. The fun will start at 4:30 p.m. This is the first MRSA cruise of the year, and you may come by boat or land, bring guests, your socks to burn, an hors d'oeuvres to share, and your own drink/s. Makings for S'mores will be provided, but you have to gather your own sticks to roast the marshmallows. Feel free to bring Frisbees, balls, kites for any accompanying children, and/or sand buckets & shovels. The water may be cold, but if it's a warm enough day, maybe some will brave the cold and go for a swim. The water there is shallow, with a sandy beach. Please call Sheryl or Wes McNair at 410-437-8998 or email sammcnair@yahoo.com or mcnair4@comcast.net for further information. While reservations aren't necessary, it will help us plan if we know who's coming, and notify people if inclement weather necessitates change
