



THE OLD MAN

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING, MAY 2, AT LEDO'S PIZZA IN SEVERNA PARK

The May General Membership Meeting will be held on May 2nd at Ledo's Pizza in Severna Park, beginning at 6:30. Our own Bert Polk will provide a presentation on lessons learned on bringing a man overboard, back in a boat. Bert has researched the subject since the event and the presentation should provide insight into techniques that can be used should the dreaded man overboard become a reality on your boat. Please try to arrive promptly for this event in order to ensure we will be finished by the time the restaurant closes at 9:00 PM. See you there.

Al Kirkendall

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WEDNESDAY NIGHT RACING IS HERE !!!

Well it's finally here, the end of a long winter and the start of the Wednesday night series on April 24. The first series is usually light on participants and this year is no exception. Hurry and get your entries in those of you that are still procrastinating.

This year we will have raft up gatherings after the first, third and fifth series. Boats assigned for raft up will be given credit the same as for committee duty.

All skippers should check the race committee assignment page in the Red Book and note your day for committee. If anyone has a conflict with there assigned day start now to change your assigned day. You can call other skippers on the list to make a switch and email or call me with the change. If that doesn't work call me immediately.

Not everyone has a committee day this year and some have volunteered for more than one-day, and we should all thank those skippers, as well as those who volunteer each and every year. As a participant in Wednesday night racing every skipper is obligated to serve as race committee once a season, if you are not on the list you should make every effort to be a substitute if called.

Fred Dreyer

MEMORIAL WEEKEND CRUISE TO THE WYE RIVER

The Wye River is one of our favorite anchorages in the Chesapeake, and we will be anchoring on the east side of Shaw Bay. We will be hosting a 'Mexican' night on Saturday, the 25th, and will provide the margaritas and the Mexican musics and request those attending to bring your favorite Mexican dishes or "finger food" for the cocktail party.

On the 26th, we must leave by noon, and are looking for a volunteer from those planning to attend to be the host boat Sunday and that evening. Please email or call if you plan to attend, lcar794082@aol.com, or 410-544-5563, and also let us know if you would be willing to be the host boat on Sunday. Look for "GITANA", a Dufour 45 and we look forward to seeing you at Shaw Bay!

Lee & Georgie Carroll



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COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

Spring has definitely arrived on the Chesapeake. Flowers are blooming, boats are launching and our Cruising, Racing and Junior Fleet activities are beginning. Watch The Old Man and our web page (<http://mrsa.sailnet.com>) for details.

The Volvo Ocean Race is in town, bringing international attention to Baltimore, Annapolis and the Chesapeake. They encountered clear skies, warm temperatures and light winds for their trip up the Bay — conditions more typical in July or August. Let's hope that the spring breezes return for the restart.

On a more somber note, there was an incident at a recent multihull championship that cost a sailor his life. As is typical in situations like this, there were many factors that lead to the tragedy — things that, if done differently, could have easily changed the outcome. The sailor was wearing a trapeze harness without a quick release buckle and was not carrying a knife. When the boat capsized, he became entangled and drowned. Don't think that a similar situation can't happen here. A few years ago a sailor was lost during the Governor's Cup. Last summer a couple narrowly avoided tragedy when they encountered a freighter near the Bay Bridge. I've witnessed two man-overboard drills during our Wednesday Night Races — one of which is the basis for our May Membership Meeting program. This is the time to plan for a safe season — think about how to prevent and respond to these types of situations.

Let's be safe so that we can all continue to enjoy our sport.

Mike Mullarky

NEW MEMBERS CRUISE AND BLESSING OF THE FLEET MAY 11 AND 12, WITH CRUISE LEADERS - JOE AND DIANE JACKINS

What better way to welcome new members, old members, as well as the 2002 MRSA sailing season, than with a "Blessing of the Fleet"? Eagle Cove is the destination; Saturday afternoon is the time. Plans call for starting the raft-up around 3 p.m. and holding the fleet blessing, (performed by the sailing Reverend Ruth Reimer), sometime after that. (Given our track record, if you get there before the Jackins, feel free to start the raft without us.)

To continue the party (and cover all the bases), on Sunday, we'd like to have a potluck breakfast to honor all the mothers and King Neptune. Wear your most festive nautical hat or bonnet and bring a breakfast item to share. Call Joe and Diane Jackins at (410) 544-3657 if you plan to attend.

Joe and Diane Jackins

CLASSIFIED ADS

For rent: *Here is an ad from the Seal's daughters, Barb and Heather, who own and rent out this townhouse:* New, Affordable 2 BR / 2.5 BA Townhome with Spectacular Views located in the heart of Summit County, Colorado. Do you like to ski, hike, bike, shop, read a book, hot tub and relax? Then this townhome is the PERFECT vacation getaway for you and your family. Close to Keystone, Breckenridge, Copper, Vail, and Beaver Creek Ski Resorts, you'll have unlimited skiing or mountain biking in the beautiful Rocky Mountains. Then come back and enjoy breathtaking views of Lake Dillon while in the 7-person hot tub on the HUGE private deck. Check us out by going to: [http://vrbo.com/\[no www\]](http://vrbo.com/[no www]), when you get to the website, look for the "Property Number" request in the upper left hand corner. Fill in 3697, and press "GO." You may email us at bhaerbig@unipac.com or call 303-783-9786 for more information.

For Sale: 1988 O'Day 35' sailboat, very clean, fully equipped for cruising, roller furling genoa, Universal diesel w/ 1000 hours. \$47,500. For more information, call Geoff at 410-255-0699



photo by Sue Betz

MEET THE BOG - RACE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN - FRED DREYER

I started sailing shortly after college when a group of friends and I rented a house on Long Island Sound for a week. There was a sunfish available and I started sailing and quickly became hooked. After that, I did not do much sailing until I lived on a lakefront house in New Jersey. Once there I bought my own sunfish and sailed every chance I had. A few years later I had a Catalina 25 and sailed Barnegat Bay as well as the Atlantic coast to Cape May and back.



photo by Fred Dreyer

After two years of getting two adults and two grown children in a 25, I exchanged the 25 for a Catalina 30, this time in the Chesapeake. Since I had grown up in Chesapeake country this was much better, except the drive from N.J. meant sailing only on weekends and vacations. I did manage to circumnavigate the Delmarva and make a trip from Florida to here. After that I tried the Governor's Cup and cruising, which then became racing, and I needed a different boat. Three years ago I traded the Catalina for my current boat a C&C 35. A year after that I joined MRSA. I still enjoy cruising as much as racing although an active racing schedule doesn't leave much time for cruising.

Fred Dreyer

WELCOME NEW MRSA MEMBERS

The April meeting of the Board of Governors approved one membership applications this month. Please everyone welcome Tim and Mary-ellen Curry and their three sons, Jim, [20], Steve, [18] and Ned, [14], who live at 21 Sunset Drive, Severna Park, MD, and can be reached at 410-544-7378. The Curry's have a Laser, located at Cape Arthur on the Magothy River. The Curry's have limited sailing experience, but their son's are interested in sailing, Ned has applied for the Junior Training program this year. Past Commodore Debbie Lund is their sponsor.

Let's have all MRSA'ers welcome the Curry family when you meet them at future events or races.

Fred Betz

WHATEVER HAPPENED TO THE SPEED LIMIT PROPOSAL FOR THE MAGOTHY?

In late 2000 a petition was initiated by MRSA member Bill Adler, to extend the “No Wake” zone that already exist on the creeks that feed into the Magothy on its western end, [Mill, Cypress, Upper Magothy], to a line that would extend between North Ferry Point marker Red “12”, to South Ferry Point marker Green “11”, from 6AM to 9AM seven days a week. The purpose of the petition was to provide canoers, kayakers, rowed dories and recreational shells an opportunity to enjoy the River without threat of swamping or capsize from large powerboat wakes generated by high speeds. Forty-four individuals, according to the Department of Natural Resources, signed the petition.

In the spring of 2001, floats announcing the proposal were placed at various places in the river and creeks, requesting comments and providing a phone number for the Natural Resources Police. A hearing on the proposal was held in October, 2001, where the Boat Act Advisory Committee would make recommendations to the DNR. Bill Adler, Tom Condon and Fred Betz attended the hearing. [Many other proposals were also scheduled to be heard, and there were many other interested parties in attendance.] The DNR’s subsidiary organization, the NRP reported their survey results: Phone Comments: 9 for, 86 against; Written Comments: 29 for 56 against; Field
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Speed Limit Proposal continued from previous column

Survey: no activity of small boats seen; NRP Officer Survey: area frequently used by skiers during this time. The area is unprotected from weather, ... unsuitable for small rowed vessels.

The DNR recommended not changing the existing speed limits. They also recommended improving its educational programs to include more information about wake responsibility around small boats. The Boat Act Advisory Committee, consisting of representatives for Watermen, Water Skiing, Marinas, Power Boaters, Crabbers, and perhaps an Environmental group, heard the testimony, asked a few questions, and went on to the next topic. No recreational user of the waters that don’t depend primarily on marine engines, has a seat on the Committee; no sailing group, no rowing or canoeing or kayaking groups; none.

What was obvious was that the DNR was against every single grass roots proposal heard that day and all of which concerned the speed and behavior of motor boat operators. The BAC ruled against any and all proposals that would limit extending speed reduction areas, even by 100 yards ! This was not surprising, after seeing the affiliations of the Boat Act Advisory Committee, and in the end they concurred with all DNR recommendations which was to do nothing that would limit motor boat activities. On top of that there was a feeling expressed by the BAC that small rowed boats may constitute a hazard on the river since they may interfere with motor driven craft. With a Committee almost totally powerboat oriented, and the DNR against all citizen requests, we received a judgement which was inevitable. Petition Denied!

Bill Adler and Fred Betz



photo by Sue Betz

MRSA Cruisers Raftup and Ready for a Little Nettle Free Swim, a few years ago...



photo by Sue Betz
THE BALTIMORE LIGHT

CHESAPEAKE BAY TWO WEEK CRUISE

There will be a planning meeting this month for anyone interested in participating in the Chesapeake Bay Two Week Cruise. The cruise will begin with the West River Cruise, 29 – 30 June and end with the Sail for Sight, 13-14 July, but the itinerary between the two is still open. If you are interested in participating in all or any part of the cruise, please contact Al or Sue Kirkendall at (410) 437-3630 or alkirkendall@cs.com

Al Kirkendall

JUNIOR TRAINING UP-DATE

Preparations for Junior Training are well underway. The instructors have been hired, and the fleet is being prepared. There are still openings available for students. Registrations are now open to non-club members, so get your applications in as soon as possible. All applications must be received by May 15th, so do not wait as places fill up very quickly. See you June 17- June 28th for Junior Training.

Dave Blanch & SueKirkendall

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE SPRING PICNIC ON JUNE 14TH

The Spring Picnic will again be held at the home of Walter and Nancy Burmeister of Balckhole Creek in Pasadena. This popular cookout will be held Friday June 14th beginning at 6:00pm. This is one of the most popular events of the year and a great opportunity to renew old friendships and make new ones. The Burmeister's home has a lovely view of Blackhole Creek, and is a great place for a party.

The hamburgers, hot dogs, beer, wine, soft drinks and dessert will be provided by MRSA. Last names beginning with A-H please bring an appetizer to share and those starting with I to Z please bring a salad or side dish.

By water the home is on Blackhole creek almost directly across the creek from PSA. The home is one pier after the McNair's where Merlin will be moored. By land, get on North Shore Road going towards Gibson Island and just after the Lake Shore traffic light turn right on North Shore Road (there will be a big blue sign there). Go past the ball fields and veer to the right on Eagle Hill road. Follow Eagle Hill until you can't go any further and turn right, then make an immediate left on the gravel drive and proceed to the water.

Please make a note of the date, and after a hard day at work come and unwind with MRSA.

Al Kirkendall



photo from the MRSA website

MRSA Junior Training Fleet - Learning

SPRING CLASSIC RACE

MRSA's first sponsored weekend CBYRA race, the Region 2 Spring Classic, is scheduled for Saturday May 18, 2002. Starts are provided for PHRF spinnaker classes A, B, C/D and also a PHRF non-spinnaker class. The rendezvous time is 10am in the vicinity of Baltimore Light (Region 2 Mark "T") and the first horn is at 10:50am with the first start at 11:00am. The starting sequence will be the Racing Rules of Sailing 26 system except for the addition of a horn at 10:50am. The course for the race typically is 6 to 14 miles dependent on wind. Any questions please contact Ed Tracey, (sailfastmd@comcast.net).

Ed Tracey



photo by Peggy Poe

"RAVENOUS", is Ed and Peggy Poe's new sailboat, [last year] in case you haven't seen it yet. It's a J-42, and Peggy is really proud of her, because it's spacious and well equipped for cruising. The Poe's still have their Cal 29, which is reserved for racing.

Fred Betz

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING ON APRIL 4 AT LEDO'S PIZZA IN SEVERNA PARK

The General Membership Meeting was held on April 4th at Ledo's Pizza in Severna Park. There was a very low turn out for this meeting, which meant there was plenty of pizza to eat. Mr. Arron Johnson from the Chesapeake Bay Foundation gave an excellent presentation on the condition of the Bay and the activities of the Chesapeake Bay Foundation. During his presentation there was lots of discussion about how badly the bays condition has degraded and are the Bay restoration goals realistic. The bottom line is if we all do our part restoration of the Bay can become a reality.

Al Kirkendall

WHAT IS THE CBYRA ?

The Chesapeake Bay Yacht Racing Association (CBYRA) is an organization comprised of over 75 member clubs, more than 50 classes of racing sailboats, and over 1800 individual members from Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, New Jersey, and North Carolina. CBYRA represents these clubs, classes and individual members to US Sailing. CBYRA is the fourth largest such Association in US Sailing.

CBYRA was founded in 1914 to promote fair yachting competition by supporting standard yacht racing and measurement rules and by coordinating racing schedules and regattas for the Chesapeake Bay area. These functions are still central to CBYRA's tasks. CBYRA also provides an appellate function for protests for all sailing events in the Chesapeake Bay area.

CBYRA has a professional staff in the form of an Executive Assistant who runs the CBYRA office, handles numerous member service tasks, and provides a continuous review of the progress of volunteer efforts being run out of the CBYRA office. Volunteers who serve on the Executive Committee, run the various other committees, or help perform member services such as putting together the CBYRA Race Weeks in the Northern Bay, Southern Bay, and Annapolis do the rest of the work of CBYRA.

As a member of CBYRA, MRSA receives the following services:

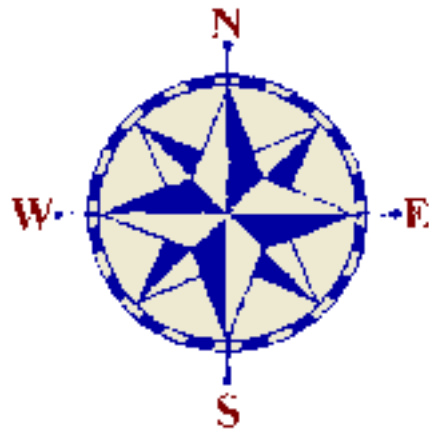
- Club competitions at the YRA level, some leading to national competition.
- A voice in government affairs affecting yachtsmen at the federal and local levels through CBYRA membership in, and cooperation with, US Sailing and other groups.
- Bay-wide system of training for juniors in basic sailing and racing.
- Race Management Seminar to improve race committee skills

Ed Tracey



Clockwise from above: **Volvo Ocean Race, Leg 6 - NW**, News Corp, Amer Sport One and Illbruck enter the Chesapeake at dawn; **N** and **NE**, Assa Abloy leads Illbruck; **E**, djuice easing along; **SE** and **S**, Tyco, followed by djuice and AmerSport Too, drifting to the line at Baltimore; All above photos courtesy **Volvo Ocean Race**, by Rick Tomlinson
SW, Assa Abloy in the Chesapeake, photo for Assa Abloy by Th. Martinez.

Overall lead after Leg 6- Illbruck, 41 pts.; 2nd - Assa Abloy, 34 pts; 3rd -Amer Sports One, 32 pts; 4th - News Copy, 31 pts.; 5th - Tyco, 27 pts.; 6th - SEB, 21 pts. [tie]; 6th - djuice, 21 pts, [tie]; and 8th - Amer Sports Too, 9 pts.



SAILOR'S EYE CANDY



THE MAY CALENDAR, PLUS AND MINUS

*5/2/02 MRSA General Membeship
Meeting at Ledo's Pizza,
Severna Park*

*5/11 & 12/02 New Member Cruise,
Eagle Cove, Magothy River, led
by the Jackins'*

*5/18/02 Spring Classic Race,
Sponsored by MRSA*

*5/22/02 Start of Series 2, Wednes-
day Night Racing*

*5/25 to 5/27/02 Memorial Day Cruise,
Shaw Bay, Wye River, led by the
Carroll's*

*6/8 & 6/9 Annapolis Cruise, Weems
Creek, Severn River, led by the
Hughes'*

*6/14/02 June Picnic at Burmeister's
on Blackhole Creek, Magothy
River*

*Anytime: Coast Guard Vessel
Safety Check*

FOSTER PARENTS AND HOMES NEEDED FOR MRSA SURPLUS (GERIATRIC) 420'S

As announced in the April Old Man, the MRSA has purchased 4 newer 420's to invigorate our ailing Junior Training fleet. What this means to the quality of the program we can offer our Junior Skippers and crew is the ability to fast forward about 20 years from the older International 420's, some of which date back to the mid-sixty's. This is great news for our juniors but has made the off-season storage area at Wes and Sheryl McNair's somewhat congested.

There are currently five older 420's that MRSA intends to cull from our fleet and are now available to MRSA members. They range in condition from moderately sailable to needing various amounts of work. With some degree of proficiency using West System, most can be repaired and could make excellent trainers for youngsters eager and willing to learn. Donations for the reasonable worth of the boats would be appreciated, and would help support the improvement of the fleet. For more information, please contact our Fleetmaster John Aellen (410) 647-7782.

We will also be scheduling a work party in early June to perform repairs to the boats to be used in this year's program. The date will be announced in the June Old Man.

John Aellen

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