



# THE OLD MAN

## QUEENSTOWN RACE

The 30th PSA Race to Queenstown and the 63rd Race Back from Queenstown were held on September 27 and 28th. The Saturday race starts at Baltimore Light and races up the Chester River to Queenstown. The return race follows the same course in reverse on Sunday.

Five MRSA members participated in the races, they were; Craig Decker's *Sure Cure* and Bill Paul's *Rebecca* racing in PHRF C Spinnaker Class, and Bob Simonsen's *Better Times*, John Hubbs's *Seebar* and Jim McCutchan's *Great Escape* racing in PHRF Non-Spinnaker. Congratulations to Craig Decker and his *Sure Cure* team on their first place win in both races!

Ed Tracey

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## WINE AND CHEESE PARTY AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2003

The December membership meeting will be held at the Belvedere Yacht Club Thursday, December 5<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 6:30. This will be our annual Wine and Cheese Party. Everyone is asked to bring an hors d'oeuvres to share and your special wine for tasting. After the sampling of the wines and enjoying the special treats there will be a very short business meeting when the election of MRSA officers for 2003 will be held. Please come and enjoy the wine, great food and friendly conversation with good friends. See you there.

Al Kirkendall

## NOMINATIONS FOR THE YEAR 2003 MRSA BOARD OF GOVERNORS

The Nominating Committee has developed a slate of candidates for the MRSA Board of Governors for next year. The positions and names of the candidates are the following:

Commodore.....	Alan Kirkendall
Vice Commodore.....	Sheryl McNair
Rear Commodore.....	Chris Lindsay
Secretary.....	George Stamps
Treasurer.....	Jim McCutchan
Fleet Captain Cruising....	Myron Dorf
Fleet Captain Jr. Training	Dave Blanch and Susan Kirkendall
Race Committee Chair....	Bob Seay

The chair of the Nominating Committee, Past Commodore Debra Lund, offers a big Thank You to the other members of the committee, Commodore Mike Mullarky, Vice Commodore Alan Kirkendall and Rear Commodore Ed Tracey.

Debra Lund

**A VERY JOYOUS HOLIDAY TO ALL FROM MRSA!**



Commodore Mike Mullarky

photo by Beth Vanfossen

## 2002 OFFICERS OF THE MAGOTHY RIVER SAILING ASSOCIATION

**Commodore:** Mike Mullarky, 439-1556

**Vice Commodore:** Alan Kirkendall, 437-3630

**Rear Commodore:** Ed Tracey, 975-0407

**Fleet Captain Cruising:** Myron and Sigrid Dorf, 255-8330

**Fleet Captain Junior Training:** Dave Blanch, 437-2213 and Susan Kirkendall, 437-3630

**Treasurer:** Jim McCutchan, 360-1163

**Secretary:** JoAnn Best, 544-3268

**Race Committee:** Fred Dreyer, 255-6160

**Protest Chairman:** Les Toeplitz, 360-2491

**Race Gear Chairman:** John Hurt, 437-6168

**Race Marks Chairman:** Roger Bartholomee, 255-7330

**Scorer and Hotline:** Annette Mullarky, 439-1556

**Membership Chair:** Ed Poe, 296-6428 (H), 539-3400 (W). Assistant Chair: Peggy Poe.

**Immediate Past Commodore:** Debbie Lund, 544-2551

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MRSA is a member of CBYRA, CBYCA, and Boat/US (Member #GA 80366 S).

## COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

In my January comments, I drew an analogy between our club and a boat at sea, and observed that "right now MRSA is sailing along in wonderful conditions". I believe that the same can be said as the 2002 Board of Governors prepares to go off watch. Our cruising, racing, junior fleet and social activities continue to be successful, and our bankers aren't complaining about our balances.

In that column, I discussed three projects that the BOG would be working on in 2002, and I'm happy to report that we have had some success with each. A membership flier was developed and placed in limited circulation, where it has received positive feedback and can be used as a template for future membership drives.

Our Junior Fleet had a very good year. The number of students was down a little, but the organization and instructional changes seem to have worked. The Duke boats helped to improve the quality of the fleet, and there are more "new to us" boats coming.

The revamped August Picnic got rave reviews from the members that participated. The addition of the Small Boats seems to be the right formula for that event.

In addition, the Racing, Cruising and Social programs continued their past successes.

None of these successes happened by themselves. All took the efforts of many volunteers to pull them off — to all of you, my sincere and deepest thanks for a job well done!

Mike Mullarky



John Hubbs' "Seebar" and Jim Mc Cutchan's "Great Escape" in the Frostbite Races

photos by Ed Tracey

## CLASSIFIED ADS

**For Rent:** Ski or Hike Summit County, Colorado - 2 BR / 2.5 BA Townhome with spectacular views of the Rocky Mountains. Close to Breckenridge, Copper, Vail and Keystone. Check out <http://vrbo.com/vrbo/3697.htm> or call 303-783-9786 for more information on 'The Big Ski Haus'.

**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

**For Sale:** Power Boat, '88 4Winns Sundowner 225, 22.5ft, cuddy cabin, 5.0L V8, very good condition, runs great, many new items, very well maintained, enclosed head, \$5900; Mark Walker, 410-647-2468

**For Sale:** Sail boat, '76 North Star (Farr) 727 (23ft), racer/cruiser, PHRF 201, fast, good condition, new (used 2 seasons) Technora UK Main Sail plus 10 other sails, 6hp out-board, fin keel, 4'6" draft, Baltoplate racing bottom '02, knot meter, depth and compasses (3), sleeps 4, manual marine toilet, \$4900; Mark Walker, 410-647-2468.

Deadline for January, 2003 Old Man is Sunday, December 22nd.

Contact the editor when your classified ad is no longer needed.



Frostbite Racing on the Magothy in Mid-November.....Brrrrrr!

photo by Ed Tracey

## HALLIE RICE REGATTA

The Hallie Rice races were held on October 12&13. Participating boats included Dennis Dunn's Glory, Bob Seay's Double Trouble and Mike Mullarky's Boreas. Three races were held over the two days. The final results are:

**Saturday, first race:**

Boreas, 1st (Spin)  
Glory, 1st (Non-spin)  
Double Trouble, CB

**Saturday, second race:**

Boreas, 1st (Spin)  
Glory, DNF  
Double Trouble, CB

**Sunday, only race:**

Boreas, 1st (Spin)  
Double Trouble, 1st (Non-spin)  
Glory, CB

We hope to have more boats out next year since this is a reverse PHRF start with your starting time dependent on PHRF rating. This makes it easier to determine your finishing because the first boat over, regardless of rating, comes in first place and so on... Hope to see more racers try this exciting format next year.

Ed Tracey

## MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL AND DUES NOTICE FOR 2003 ENCLOSED

Please find an enclosed separate sheet and act as soon as possible to renew your membership and pay your dues for 2003. Note that the due date is January 15th, 2003, and that date is critical to completing the publication of the Red Book for the coming racing and cruising schedules, so please don't be late!

Dues are still \$75.00 and support all MRSA programs !

## **MRSA BUYS FIVE FJ'S**

*"Fleet of five FJ's for sail. Prices will be VERY low,"* read the Internet message as I logged onto my office computer. How did I manage to get this rather cryptic message? And what the heck was an FJ? Well, curiosity finally got the best of me, so I answered the email and placed a call to its sender. After a pleasant conversation with Dan Wittig, the sailing team captain at the University of Maryland's College Park campus, the details of the offer seemed almost too good to be true. The mighty Terp's sailing team was turning over their existing fleet of Vanguard Flying Juniors with new boats and were asking a very reasonable price for all five with two sets of sails each.

But what on earth was an FJ? A visit to Vanguard's website gave me all the information I needed to present the proposal to MRSA's board. Dave Blanch and Sue Kirkendall looked over the digital photos and Vanguard illustrations and agreed. Flying Juniors are nearly identical to Club 420's with a few minor exceptions: six inches shorter in LOA and six inches smaller in beam, within a pound or two in weight and 10 square feet less sailcloth. A quick visit to SSA to inspect two of the boats found the boats in better shape than the 420's recently purchased from Duke. Dan Wittig grew up on the Magothy in his parent's waterfront home on Podickery Point. We both couldn't have been more pleased.

While the focus of Junior Sailing had been to continue to

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*Three views of the Flying Juniors recently purchased from U Md, on this page and page 5*

*photos by John Aellen*

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add to the 420 fleet, these smaller sister ships were so close to the construction and layout of Club 420's, they would complement the other eight boats we had already purchased. They were all of 1990 - 1991 vintage and are in excellent shape - except for one with some minor bow damage. Our spring work party will have a boat-naming contest, so put your creative thinking caps on and we'll see who has the best names for the five boats. With all due respect to my alma mater, it would be fitting that at least one had "sailing turtle" theme.

The purchase of these boats completes the upgrade process embarked upon 4 years ago with the purchase of new Opti's. Just think, no more fiberglass dust, West System epoxy sticking to your hands, and leaking bailers. Less time spent on equipment failures means more time to focus on sail trim and boat handling skills. The challenges of tomorrow will be to maintain the boats and keep them safe for our kids to learn on. The possibility of rigging trapeze's and adding spinnaker hardware will provide opportunities for our students to increase their skills well beyond the vision of MRSA's founders and make us all proud of the dynamic program we can now offer.

*John Aellen*



## **NOVEMBER GENERAL MEMBERSHIP**

The November General Membership meeting was held on November 7<sup>th</sup>, at Ledo's Pizza in Severna Park. Approximately 24 members enjoyed the dinner of salad and pizza and the video titled "Cruising the Bahamas" with Paul and Sheryl Shard. The wonderful photography in the crystal clear waters had some ready to take off and experience the splendor that the Bahamas provides, however the segment on sharks was not a big hit with some. All in all everyone had a good time, as we always do when friends from MRSA meet.

*Al Kirkendall*

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## **A TRIBUTE TO JOHN AELLEN**

Although it may not be fair to single out one individual for recognition in an organization where so many contribute so much, In this case, I believe that it is deserved.

Let me set the stage. The first time that I had gotten involved with the Junior Training Program, and joined in a work party to get the fleet ready for the Junior Training summer camp was in 1999. I didn't know how bad the boats were. Efforts had been made over the previous years to maintain and repair the fleet, upgrade sails and the like, but no boats had been added to the fleet in some time. The BOG had discussed

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replacing boats, money budgeted each year, but no procurements made.

In 2000, the BOG agreed to raise dues and begin the upgrade of the fleet and authorized purchase of 4 prams. This was just the beginning of a multi-year effort. Rich Hughes had been toiling in charge of the fleet maintenance without any recognition, and that year the BOG gave his position the title "Fleetmaster". John Aellen joined the BOG that year as Race Committee Chairman, and also developed an interest in the Junior Training. We got five new prams, with one donated by Hallie Rice.

The following year Commodore Debbie Lund continued the commitment to the Junior Training program with a budget to purchase two 420's. John Aellen also became Fleetmaster, relieving Rich Hughes. By April, John had purchased a pair of 420's from Annapolis Yacht Club, and 6 sets of sails. This past year, Commodore Mike Mullarky continued the strong support for Junior training and replacement of the 420's. Again John Aellen came through, finding and procuring four 420's from Duke University in time for the 2002 summer camp. Then this fall, an unexpected opportunity came to John's attention, and he convinced the BOG that the time to complete the task of upgrading the fleet was now. John was authorized to obtain five "Flying Juniors", a training sloop very similar to the 420's. (See John's article on page 4 of this Old Man.)

In just two years that John has been Fleetmaster, he has seen to it that the entire fleet of MRSA core training boats have been replaced with used, but newer and better boats. Let it be also noted that John has managed to obtain eleven good used boats for about the cost of two new 420's! Many others contribute much to the MRSA, but John Aellen's sustained effort has made a real difference in raising the level of the Junior Training fleet, and that difference will be apparent for years to come. Thanks, John!

*Fred Betz*



*New Members Charlie and Debbie Deigert  
Join the Festivities at the Cocktail Party and  
Cruise to Buddy's*

*photo by Lewis Neisner*

## **COCKTAIL PARTY AND CRUISE TO BUDDY'S**

On November 2, a beautiful if somewhat chilly fall day, over 30 MRSA'ers enjoyed a pre-Buddy's cocktail party at the home of Kathy and Bert Polk and the annual dinner at Buddy's. Special thanks to Kathy and Bert for opening up their beautiful home. The only MRSA boat seen at Annapolis was Min Van IV. Congratulations to John Lund for soloing it home Sunday.

Attending one or both of the gatherings were new members, Charlie and Debbie Deigert, Jeff and Kate Fones, Steve and Jane Gardner, who get the award for coming from the farthest away, Dick and Marianne Kammann, Al, Susan and Andy Kirkendall, Bob Krapfel and Gabriella Belli, John, Debbie and Jessica Lund, Philippe and Shirley Masiee, Mike and Annette Mullarky, cruise leader, Lewis Neisner, Harvey and Sandra Paskin, Ed and Peggy Poe, Bert and Kathy Polk, George and Carolyn Stamps and Stu and Vicky Timerman. A good time was had by all.

*Lewis Neisner*

## **WELCOME NEW MRSA MEMBERS**

The November meeting of the Board of Governors approved one membership application this month. Please everyone welcome Charles and Debbie Deigert and their two adult daughters, Erin and April. The Deigert's address is P.O. Box 434, Hampstead, MD, 21074, and can be reached at 410-239-8470. The Deigert's have a Dickerson 37, named *Victoria*, located at North Shore Marina on the Magothy River. The Diegert's have extensive sailing experience, and are interested in cruising and MRSA social activities. . . . .

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

*Fred Betz*



*Cocktail Party Goodies at the home of Kathy and Bert Polk*



*Some of the Happy Faces of MRSA Members at Buddy's*

*all photos by Lewis Neisner*

## VIEW FROM THE SEEBÄR HELM: "SECOND ANNUAL QUEENSTOWN SPAGHETTI RACES"

Last year a green *Seebär* crew participated in its first Bay-wide race – the 29<sup>th</sup> PSA Race to Queenstown and 62<sup>nd</sup> Queens-town Race Back (if anyone can explain that anomaly, I'd appreciate it). The winds were more than we had ever handled on the *Magothy* and we soon found ourselves overpowered with a rip growing across the top of the jib. We finished the 2001 race ignominiously and hustled to my favorite anchorage far up Queens-town Creek to hide and rest. We enjoyed a fabulous spaghetti dinner before sharing sea stories and retiring for the night. On Sunday we motored back, too exhausted to sail another race.

This year I invited the same crew – Bob Guenther and David Small with their sons, Joshua and Justin, respectively. The winds were not quite as high this year, but enough for us to take the time to reef the main and replace the headsail with the 110 genoa. Shortening sail put us a few minutes late for the non-spinnaker start, but we sailed a great upwind leg to the mouth of the Chester in less than an hour. After rounding the Chester River #4, we were able to fly wing-on-wing and surf down the face of some swells with occasional surges over 8 knots. Between the #7 and #9 cans, *Rebecca* passed us to leeward trying to catch *Cookie*

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before the finish line.

We crossed the line at 1240 and sailed back up the course to watch the other racers while grabbing some lunch. We certainly appreciate the starting sequence used by the Potapuskut Sailing Association (PSA) for the Queenstown races. Allowing the slower classes to start first is a pleasure in many respects for those of us who sail non-spin – we feel more part of the race and can enjoy the spinnakers heading toward the line (while staying out of their way and their wind). We watched *Sure Cure* (Decker) win the PNRF C Class hands down. Although Bill Paul was unable to catch *Cookie* by the finish line, *Rebecca* made it up on corrected time to finish second in the same class.

All the other MRSA racers were in PHRF N class with us. First to cross the line was *Better Times* under Bob Simonsen followed by *Bad Medicine* (Narlin/Beaty) less than eight minutes later. *Great Escape* with Jim McCutchan at the helm beat us to the line by less than three minutes.

After the race we retired to our favorite spot where Justin tried his hand at fishing over the side sans poles. Bob and Josh swam to shore to retrieve some poles and live bait – returning with one stick, several tiny crabs, and a handful of mussels. All to no avail as we could see fish jumping all around, but none of any consequence would take a hook. Another scrumptious spaghetti dinner prepared ahead of time by my favorite chef and soul mate, Jutta, followed the lazy afternoon.

We were up early the next morning for the 63<sup>rd</sup> Race Back on Joshua's 17<sup>th</sup> birthday. Not many teenagers are mature enough to spend two consecutive birthdays with their Dad on someone else's boat. With a full main and the 155, we struggled with the entire fleet to find the wind. We held off two boats trying to pass us to windward, caught a favorable shift for a lead, and lost it all when the wind died before the turn at #4.

We are all looking forward to the Third Annual Queenstown Spaghetti Races next year.

*John Hubbs*



*Fred Dreyer, Race Committee Chair, watches Rear Commodore Ed Tracey at the Tropty Party*

*photo by John Hubbs*

## **THE DECEMBER CALENDAR, PLUS AND MINUS**

12/5 *General Membership Meeting, Belvedere Yacht Club. Wine and Cheese party and Election of Officers*

12/14 *Annapolis Parade of Lighted Boats, MRSA has Room 511, Annapolis Waterfront Marriott Hotel*

12/22 *Deadline for January Old Man*

1/6 *BOG Meeting, location TBA*

1/15 *MRSA 2003 Membership Renewal and Dues Due*

1/18 *2003 Commodore's Ball, Gibson Island Club*

## **ANNAPOLIS PARADE OF LIGHTS**

The Annapolis Parade of Light will be held on Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup>. MRSA, unfortunately, does not have an entry in this event but has once again reserved room 511 at The Annapolis Marriott Waterfront Hotel to view this event. MRSA will be providing the drinks and asks the members to bring a hors d'oeuvre to share. Please stop by, warm up get something to eat and drink, and spend time with friends.

*Al Kirkendall*

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## **2003 COMMODORE'S BALL**

The Commodore's Ball will be held on January 18, 2003, at the Gibson Island Yacht Club. This event is always a good time for all members young and old to get together for cocktails, conversation, dinner, awards, dancing and fun. Cocktails, (cash bar) will begin at 6:30, dinner at 7:30, presentations at 8:30, and dancing from 9:00 until midnight. A great dinner is again planned. We are very fortunate to again have Harvey Paskin as our Master of Ceremonies. A DJ will provide music.

Look for the invitation to the MRSA Commodores Ball in the mail around the end of the year, and RSVP as soon as possible! We look forward to seeing you there.

*Al Kirkendall*

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