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SAILING CAMP SPECIAL EDITION

The Monthly Newsletter of the Magothy River Sailing Association

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MRSA SAILING CAMP A BIG HIT

Donna Prucnal



MRSA Sailing Camp is a big hit this year. The camp filled quickly to its max capacity of 40 students and had 3 on the waiting list. There are 19 new students of which thirteen are ages nine or ten. As of this writing, the first week of camp is over and was a great success. We had a very hot & humid week but the kids held up great.

The camp concludes on Friday, June 30th with a closing awards ceremony and pizza party. Highlights of the first week include 8 of the advanced sailors participated in the Magothy River Jr. Clinic Regatta which is detailed in this edition of the Old Man. I'll share with you some quotes I heard from 3 of our new 9 year old sailors after the 4th day of camp..."That was sooooo much fun!"; "It just keeps getting better and better every day!"; "I can tie knots that even my 44 year old Mom doesn't know how to do!" All of the students are learning a lot, making new friends, and having a great time at camp. Enjoy the pictures and look for more to be posted to the MRSA web site.

CRUISING FLEET UPDATE

Burry Vanderveer

Hey folks, busy time this month so just a quick note to update you. Last cruise was the Queenstown, which turned out to be a relaxing cruise for a few boats. Thanks to Jon Mullarky for organizing this one.

The first long cruise north is off and sailing heading out the C&D Canal to Cape May then over to RI, Ct shore and eventually Block Island for the 4th of July.

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COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

Diane Jackins

It's hard to believe that we're halfway through the year. Presently, MRSA events encompass everything that the club has to offer—cruising, racing, partying, and most importantly, passing the sport on through the training of our younger members. All of these events require a lot of volunteer effort and coordination from the officers, chairpersons, committees, and members of the club. If the strength of a club is in the strength of its members and in their willingness to share their talents, then MRSA is undoubtedly the best club on the Bay. If you have been enjoying the many club events this summer, thank a volunteer. If you are looking to get more out of the club, volunteer, (or see me for some suggestions!) This month, I would like to highlight some of the efforts of our great MRSA volunteer team, present and past.

First, Donna Prucnal has been doing a wonderful job overseeing our Junior Training Program. Providing a forum for training tomorrow's sailors is probably one of the most important things that the club does. Hats off to you, Donna, for a great job. (And hats off to the many volunteer parents who help out, as well as to John Taylor, our Fleetmaster who oversees the boats, to Rich Hughes for handling the administrative part of the junior training program, and to the McNair's, who volunteered their property for the end-of-camp party.)

On a sadder note, Hallie Rice, who volunteered his property TreeTops for the junior training program for many years, passed away earlier this month. Hallie was the epitome of a gracious and generous MRSA volunteer. He was raised in Alaska (and a classmate of my Dad's older sister). And in fact, he and my dad both represented Alaska as midshipmen at the Naval Academy, although a few years apart. In addition to being an avid MRSA racer, when Hallie and his wife Virginia lived on Sillery Bay, they allowed MRSA to use their pool for the club's swimming test, to keep the boats on their property for the two week period, and even to hold the graduation ceremonies there. Anyone lucky enough to have been in the program then is sure to have some great memories. Several years ago, to honor Hallie the club named a race after him. We plan to continue to remember him through this regatta. We appreciate the many years that the Rice's devoted to the club and express our deepest sympathy to the family.

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CRUISING FLEET UPDATE

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What a trip! I am sure we will get many good pictures and stories from this one. For those poor souls (like me) who can't get away for that long the Lund's have a great 4th of July adventure planned on the Choptank River with lots of fireworks, good food and lots of fun. Mid July we the Dorf's will lead us on a nice relaxing cruise up the Severn River. End July the Kamman's will take us on the Corisica River race/cruise, a fun hybrid cruise where some of the racers who are closet cruisers will join us in a fun weekend. All this to say July is shaping up to be a fantastic month. Make sure you check the web and the cruising page for more details.

Looking further out we still need a cruise leader for Worton Creek in Mid August, would like to see someone step up to lead this one this month. Also make sure you mark the calendar for the August Picnic end August, tentatively scheduled for Cornfield Creek. As last year we intend to have this as a Picnic/Cruise.

I am starting to compile a list of potential cruise areas for next year so if you have any ideas please email them to me to flush out the list. We are having a great season so far, with much more to come. Have a great summer and see you out on the Bay!

Block Island Cruise	Newport/Block Island	June 24-July 9	Rich Hughes/Beth Vanfossen
Fourth of July	Choptank River	July 1-4	
Fourth of July	Gibson Island	July 4	
Cruise to Little Round Bay	Severn River	July 15-16	Sigrid & Myron Dorf
Corsica River	Race/Cruise	July 29-30	Marianne & Dick Kammann
MOB Cruise	Worton Creek	August 12-13	

CRUISE TO LITTLE ROUND BAY ON THE SEVERN

July 15-16

Myron Dorf

DESTINATION: About 5 miles up the Severn River the river widens into Round Bay. The southwest section is called Little Round Bay which surrounds St. Helena's Island.

ACTIVITIES: Join us for an easy sail up the Severn River to one of its prettiest spots. We'll cruise by the Naval Academy, under the Severn River bridges and past magnificent homes overlooking the river. The river then widens into a beautiful area called Round Bay where we will rendezvous in the SW corner, which is called Little Round Bay, near St. Helena's Island. Look for the MRSA cruising flag.

Explore the area around the island by dinghy to be followed by a cooling dip in the hopefully nettle-free water. By then the sun should be over the yardarm somewhere in the world so we'll gather on "Light Spray" for our usual byo drinks and an appetizer to share around 5:00 p.m.

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MRSA WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS

Peggy Poe

Two new member families were voted into MRSA by the BOG at the latest board meeting on June 19th.

Many MRSA members met the Fillat family at the June picnic. We welcome the Fillats - Christine, Peter and children, Josie, 14 and Carly, 9. Thanks to all for making them feel welcome at the annual picnic. The Fillats live at 353 Sturtons Lane in Pasadena and are interested in Junior Sailing.

The second family, the Schlegels, live in Bethesda, and keep their boat, a Pearson 36 named Huffster, on BlackHole Creek. Next door neighbors to the Poes on Black Hole Creek, Tracy and Mike Schlegel have two little ones, CJ, 3 and Lucie, 1. You may remember meeting Tracy and Mike on the Goose Cruise last October or at dinner on this Memorial Day Cruise.

Welcome aboard to our new members.

CRUISE TO LITTLE ROUND BAY ON THE SEVERN

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By then we should be relaxed and in good humor so be prepared to share your favorite joke – new or old – with the group.

Be sure to call Myron or Sigrid Dorf at 410-255-8330 or email myrondorf@comcast.net to let us know you are coming and so that we can inform you of any changes. Hope to see you on July 15th.

RACING NEWS

James E McCutchan

2006 Race Committee Schedule					
Race	Date	Boat	Skipper	Telephone	E-Mail
Series 3, Race 4	5-Jul	Skean Dhu	Jock McClees	410-729-3044	mccleesj@comcast.net
Sail for Sight	8-Jul	Magic Dragon	Joe & Diane Jackins	410-544-3657	Diane.Jackins@FRB.gov
Series 4, Race 1	12-Jul	Wizard	Les Toeplitz	410-768-6325	wizarde@comcast.net
Series 4, Race 2	19-Jul	Miranda	Gene Gottschalk	410-439-0211	Miranda@tartan30.org
Series 4, Race 3	26-Jul	Skimmer	Wayne R Winokur	410-258-6410	wayne.winokur@ngc.com
Corsica River Race	29-Jul	Blue Moon	Norm Poulsen	410-437-8703	npoulsen@cablespeed.com
Corsica River Race Back	30-Jul				
Series 4, Race 4	2-Aug	Fantastic	Rich Hughes	410-757-6081	fantastc@comcast.net
Series 5, Race 1	9-Aug	Beagle	Colin MacKenzie	410-255-0203	

Wednesday night is RACE night

Ed Poe



Racing in June has been fun and exciting, and the weather gods have been kind on Wednesday evening. Both new MRSA members and long time racers have enjoyed the competition this year. Congratulate these winners.

Thanks go to all the race committee teams that have made this year's competition possible. Without all these volunteers we wouldn't have such a successful racing season. And also thanks to Marianne and Dick Kammann for the first Wednesday night raft-up social. If you didn't attend, you missed a fun get-together.

Racers will also be planning for other July racing including the Sail for Sight Race from Baltimore Light to Baltimore on July 8th and the Lighthouse Classic Back on July 9th, the Solomon's Island race on July 16th, the Corsica River Race on July 29th and 30th, and the Governor's Cup on August 4th and 5th.

Series 1:

A Division

1st Bruce Mitchell – *Charlie*
2nd Tom Price – *Chao*
3rd Tracey/Polk – *Incommunicado*

B Division

1st Beth VanFossen – *Jazz*
2nd Drew Dowling – *Encounter*
3rd Ralph Reitan – *Wabbit*

C Division

1st Mike Mullarky – *Boreas*
2nd Ed Poe – *Capricious*
3rd Ted Alfriend – *Ole Yella*

D Division

1st Brad & MaryAnn Hill – *Oras*
2nd Jim Wilson – *Locomotion*
3rd Roger Bartholomee – *Sagacious*

Non-Spinnaker 1

1st Colin MacKensie – *Beagle*
2nd Rob Zouck – *Kind Duck*
3rd Jack Lusby – *Vagabond*

Non-Spinnaker 2

1st Joe Lombardo – *Ingenuity*
2nd Charlie Hutchinson – *White Lightning*
3rd Gene Gottschalk – *Miranda*

Series 2:

A Division

1st Dave & Donna Prucnal – *Ultra Violet*
2nd Tom Price – *Chaos*
3rd Tracey/Polk – *Incommunicado*

B Division

1st Drew Dowling – *Encounter*
2nd Beth VanFossen – *Jazz*
3rd William Schneider – *Nightingale*

C Division

1st Ted Alfriend – *Ole Yella*
2nd Ed Poe – *Capricious*
3rd Brad & MaryAnn Hill – *Oras*

Non-Spinnaker 1

1st Rob Zouck – *Kind Duck*
2nd Gene McCollum – *Vivace*
3rd Colin MacKenzie – *Beagle*

Non-Spinnaker 2

1st Joe Lombardo – *Ingenuity*
2nd Gene Gottschalk – *Miranda*
3rd Charlie Hutchinson – *White Lightning*

ON SPORTSMEN, LAWYERS AND RULE ZERO

Chris Fisher

In sports in general, and in sailboat racing specifically, there is the principle of sportsmanship. Before any rules are defined, the very first words in the Racing Rules of Sailing after the introduction are:

BASIC PRINCIPLE

SPORTSMANSHIP AND THE RULES

Competitors in the sport of sailing are governed by a body of rules that they are expected to follow and enforce. A fundamental principle of sportsmanship is that when competitors break a rule they will promptly take a penalty, which may be to retire.

Then, after only Rule 1 - Safety, the principle is made a rule:

FAIR SAILING

A boat and her owner shall compete in compliance with recognized principles of sportsmanship and fair play...

Obviously, the authors of the Rules placed the principle of sportsmanship above all else. The Rules cannot be clearer that this is a vital and essential aspect of racing that must be given the utmost priority without compromise. For what good is a victory if it is not obtained fairly? Ideally, in sailing as in all sports, we compete to win but only if we have also complied with not only the letter of the rules, but the spirit – fair and square, as the saying goes. Sadly, more and more we see evidence from the international level to the local level that the emphasis is not on winning fairly, but on merely winning. Steroids in baseball, doping at the Olympics, screaming and crazed soccer parents. Even worse, when a rare public example of selfless sportsmanship takes place, the emphasis is on the consequences that were suffered as a result of it. A recent prime example is the Andy Roddick incident, where the headlines were:

Andy Roddick Good Sportsmanship Costs Match, and

For Roddick, A Good Deed Is A Net Loss - *South Florida Sun-Sentinel*

For those of you who may not recall or have heard of this incident, it occurred in May of 2005 at the Rome Masters. Quoting a portion of the Sun-Sentinel article,

Roddick was leading 5-3 in the second set and had triple match point when Fernando Verdasco appeared to hit a double fault. The line judge called the ball out, giving Roddick the victory. But Roddick, seeing the ball mark in the clay, said the shot was in. That gave Verdasco the point. Verdasco, given another chance, came back and won the set, then won the third set for a 6-7 (1), 7-6 (3), 6-4 victory....

...Roddick's gesture cost him at least \$27,400. Players ousted in the Round of 16 earn \$29,600 compared to \$57,000 for quarterfinalists. The champion receives \$440,000.

Roddick could easily have let the call stand, reasoning that it was the judge's call and his opponent's responsibility to contest it. But Roddick had the courage and the character to put sportsmanship ahead of victory, at his own rather large expense. Unfortunately, that was not the message that many got. Instead it was "nice guys finish last".

And now to the title of this essay. The reputation of lawyers as ruthless, dirty fighters is by and large undeserved.

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CLASSIFIEDS

CREW WANTED CREW WANTED:

Wednesday Night Series Races

Class : Non-Spin

Experience is less important than interest, enthusiasm, and attitude.

Call Alan at (410) 544-1986.

CREW AVAILABLE:

Looking to race on a competitive boat based on the South Shore of the Magothy. Experience on Frers 36 and J Boats from 24 to 40 feet, doing main, jib and spin trim, pit, bow (but prefer not to be a regular on the bow) and just rail meat. Contact Beverly Mueller at bkmuell@juno.com or (410) 757-2801.

CREW AVAILABLE

Looking to race on a boat based on the North Shore of the Magothy. Have sailing experience, but have not raced much (and only a little with spinnakers). Contact Kathy Forni at kforni@loyola.edu.

CREW AVAILABLE

Looking to race competitively and/or to learn sailing. Beginner with limited experience. Very motivated and great team player. Enthusiastic and committed. Schedule is not a problem as I'm self-employed. Please call or email me: madspeed@comcast.net or (717) 214-4443.

FOR SALE:

45' Morgan Nelson Marek C/B

Owned by a professional boat builder, "Niche" has many custom features and upgrades not found in the older Nelson Marek Morgan 45. This is a refreshed design by Catalina and is very cruiser friendly with a bright interior, swim platform, and improved mechanical and electrical systems.

Year: 1985

Located in Annapolis, MD

Hull Material: Fiberglass

Engine/Fuel Type: Single Diesel

YW# 1791-1444708

For additional information on this listing, please contact Al Picardi at 410-544-4295.

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Their sole "principle" is to protect and defend the interest of their client. It is in fact incumbent upon them NOT to make judgments on what is fair or right, only what is fair or right for their client. Determining fair and right is the job of the judge and jury. Hence the cliché "everyone hates lawyers until they need one".

The tennis court is not a court of law, and neither is the race course. The competitor is not a lawyer serving the interests of a client regardless of that client's culpability in a crime or offense. Rather, the competitor is bound by the very foundation of sport (Rule Zero, as I like to call it) to own up to errors and fouls, even at the expense of victory.

A lawyer looks around to see if anyone could have seen him graze the upwind mark before doing his turn. A sportsman does his turn without looking.

A lawyer waits to see if he is protested for a foul before taking his penalty turns. A sportsman takes his turns without waiting.

A lawyer looks to bend the letter of the Rules to his advantage. A sportsman honors the letter and spirit of the Rules.

A lawyer tries to intimidate and push his opponent with bluster and false claims of right-of-way. A sportsman focuses on sailing well, quietly and fairly defeating his opponent.

A lawyer thinks Andy Roddick is a fool.

A sportsman thinks Andy Roddick is a role model.

In an increasingly hostile and unaccountable world, the race course is one of the few remaining refuges of honesty, fair play and personal accountability. Take one last look at "Rule 0":

A fundamental principle of sportsmanship is that when competitors break a rule they will promptly take a penalty, which may be to retire.

The important words are, "when competitors break a rule", not "when competitors are protested for breaking a rule". The next time you graze that upwind mark, even if no one else could have seen it, take your turn, and sail on the best you can. Be a sportsman, not a lawyer. The essence of sport depends on it. And if Andy Roddick can do it, why not you?

CLASSIFIEDS CONTINUED

FOR SALE:

Catalina 27. "BeeGood" , a 1976 Catalina 27 in very good condition. 15 Hp Evinrude O/B. \$6500 w/cruising sails, \$9500 w/brand-new racing sails. Fresh barrier coating and anti-fouling paint applied this year. Very affordable slip also available at Ferry Point Marina on the Magothy. Includes VHF, Depth, Knotmeter and Engine RPM gauge. Upgraded mast and rigging. Bimini for on-water shade. Great fun. Contact James Goodman (410) 765-7075 or view here to see more info. This boat will be very competitive with freshly prepared bottom and an entirely new inventory of racing sails (Main, Jib and Genoa).

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MRSA PARTICIPATES in the MAGOTHY RIVER JR. REGATTA

Donna Prucnal



Back Row from left to right:

Austin Murdock, Josh Prucnal, Jacob Prucnal, Jim Caraher, Andrew Allison

Front Row from left to right:

Sarah Howard, Erin Bell, Madison Thomas

MRSA accepted an invitation to participate in a Jr. Clinic Regatta on June 21st hosted by Gibson Island and Potapuskut Sailing Association. MRSA sent eight Jr. Sailors attending camp to race 420's in the regatta. The participants were: Andrew Allison, Jim Caraher, Austin Murdock, Josh Prucnal, Jacob Prucnal, Sarah Howard,

Erin Bell and Madison Thomas.

Approximately 60 kids from MRSA, PSA, GI and Cape St. Claire raced in one of three starts: 420's, Force 5's or Opti's. The regatta was "clinic style" so the sailors could be coached on the water and then had a chalk talk session on shore. Lunch was served on the Gibson Island point and all sailors received participation awards. MRSA's sailors had a great time, learned a lot and performed very well. We hope to send even more juniors to this regatta next year.

The regatta was a great success and an excellent opportunity for the Magothy River sailing clubs to join together to promote sailing on the Magothy. Thank you to Gibson Island and PSA for inviting us and we look forward to next year.

SALUTE AND FAREWELL TO HALLIE RICE

Diane Jackins

Hallie Rice was born in Portland, Oregon and raised in Juneau, Alaska by a pioneer family. He was appointed to the Naval Academy from the Territory of Alaska in 1942, graduated with the class of 1946 in June 1945 with a B.S. and received a M.S. from Catholic University in Washington D.C. in 1952.

He retired as a captain from the Navy Reserve. In 1951-52 he skippered Navy yawls with midshipmen crews in ocean races to Bermuda and Newport, R.I., one of the first times the Navy permitted these vessels to compete in the open ocean.

He was a successful businessman, owning companies that dealt with the sales and service of electrical instruments.

He was a trustee of the College of Notre Dame of Maryland where he endowed a computer center there named for his wife, Virginia Kelly Rice. The college awarded him an honorary doctor of laws degree.

In 1976, Capt. Rice was named Maryland's Small Businessman. He served on the boards of the Baltimore County and Maryland chambers of commerce, was on the state's first High Technology Roundtable, and was the first chairman of an advisory board for Towson University's School of Business and Economics.

After serving on the board of the Goodwill Industries for nine years, he received its Humanitarian of the year Award. He helped found and was the chairman of the Hospice of the Chesapeake Foundation and was on the board of the Hospice Cup Inc. Formerly president of the Nay Sailing Foundation, he raced sailboats competitively on the Chesapeake Bay, and was active in the Annapolis Yacht Club, Sailing Club of the Chesapeake, and MRSA. He was a supporter of the MRSA Junior Sailing Program.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by four sons, three daughters, seven grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

PICTURES FROM THE SAILING CAMP

Donna Prucnal and Lewis Neisner



COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

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There is still much to do this sailing season. Although the long cruise north has departed, there is a July 4 cruise (call John Lund for details), a cruise to the Seven in the middle of July, (led by the Dorf's), and the Corsica River race/cruise, the end of July, (led by the Kamman's), and much more Wednesday night racing. For Bay racers, there is the Sail for Sight regatta on July 8. Our August social event will be the August picnic. (Please call Annette Mularkey for additional details and to volunteer.)

We're all volunteers in this club and together we make it happen. See you on the water, Diane



Dear Sir: Will you do me the favor to enter the America for the Royal Yacht Squadron Regatta to come off on the 22nd inst.

- Commodore John C Stephens, New York Yacht Club



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