



The Old Man

The Monthly Newsletter of the Magothy River Sailing Association

May 2007

April Meeting Was Spicy!

Peggy Poe

A Birder for All Seasons

The large world map on the basement wall of Baltimore's "Hank" Kaestner's 2 1/2-story Victorian home is filled with hundreds of color-coded pushpins, each representing a different overseas journey... (caption text continues)



Hank Kaestner considers the landscape from near his home in Baltimore, Maryland. In the background, the boat is visible in the water and the water is as blue as the sky.

...the address, they share a single front porch. The late gas along Howard Avenue has a location with his wife, Jan, to see the... (caption text continues)

Forty-eight sailors, long-time members, new members, and prospective members – hungry folk all - gathered at Hellas Restaurant in Millersville on Thursday evening, April 12th for the monthly meeting. It is well known that MRSA members rarely miss a good meal, and this evening was no exception. A pasta buffet dinner of lasagna, ziti, and stuffed shells was augmented with salad, vegetables, and a variety of desserts. No one went home hungry.

The speaker of the evening was Hank Kaestner, former spice buyer for McCormick & Co. Hank has traveled the world, visiting some of the most isolated locations on the globe. For McCormick and his subsequent consulting business, he has made 187 trips to 127 countries. It is wonderfully convenient that Hank is also a world-class birder, and along with his talk about spices, he did tempt us with some information about birds. He promised to come back and give us his bird talk. Hank asked the audience three test questions with prizes to be awarded at the end of his talk. We were an audience that listened, and there

were a number of MRSA "smart folks" vying for the prizes at the end of Hank's talk on the History of Spices, and how important the spice trade was to sailing and the early explorers.

Let The Sailing Season Begin!!

Burry Vanderveer

Well after weeks of dismal spring weather, which has put boat prep way behind for me, we kicked off the sailing season with a fantastic Sockburner! Great weather, fantastic food and absolutely wonderful people gathered at Looper Beach for a great afternoon. What a fantastic turnout, complete with new members and a cameo appearance by the MRSA Ship Store model, Lewis, who came all the way from Rochester to be with us (at least that's what he said!). I want to send a big thank you to Sheryl and Wes for putting this together.



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Commodore's Comments

Annette Mullarky

Wow! I always knew that MRSA has a lot to offer to sailors, but this month it really hit home. I think I've been involved with every 'branch' our club's activities lately. In the last month I have:



Attended a monthly club meeting – We had a wonderful presentation on the history of the spice trade, and the role it played in sailing history. I had no idea the two were so intertwined. Thank you to Hank Kaestner for the great talk, pictures, and the vanilla that will be in Mike's cookies this summer. As a bonus, when my mom showed up with real nutmegs from the islands, I knew what they were!

Started racing – our Wednesday night fleets have come out strong, and we'll have completed most of the first series by the time you read this. All indications are that it will be a fun, exciting and very competitive summer. I'm looking forward to our first raft up – enjoying refreshments and swapping stories with other sailors is always fun!

Enjoyed our first cruise of the season – The Sockburner was (as always) a great success this year. I think we counted almost seventy attendees, including about a dozen young, brave swimmers (brrrrrr). The socks and marshmallows were both roasted to perfection (separately, of course)!

Delivered Junior Training boats – As many of you are aware, last winter we bought four Lasers from Hobart and William Smith Colleges in New York. Now that the snow has finally melted, and with lots of support, I was able to go collect the boats, and they are here on the Magothy, ready to go!

The other thing that really struck me this month was the amount of effort that goes into making all these things happen. No, I certainly don't mean my own effort - I mean all the club officers and volunteers that make these programs so successful. My phone and e-mail has been buzzing with all the planning going on - keeping me up to speed with everything behind-the-scenes. I've seen over and over that our members are amazingly generous with their time and talents – just put the word out and people are ready to jump right in. So thank you to all of you (I hesitate to make a list I know would be incomplete) – MRSA is what we make of it, and you make it a fantastic group to be a part of!

Sail fast!

Let The Sailing Season Begin!!

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Burry Vanderveer

Now that the miserable weather is behind us (he says hopefully), we are shaping up for a great month ahead. Tony and Chuck are leading the now infamous (at least to MRSA) blessing of the fleet up on Old Man creek the first weekend in May. Ed is then taking all those folks who are retired or playing hooky up to the Severn for the Blue Angels show for one of our one-day cruises on May 22nd.

End May will have the always fantastic Memorial Day celebration and games out at the Wye River. Rich and Toni are once again leading this great event and this year have formed a small committee to help coordinate the myriad of planning which goes into this event. If you haven't got this on your calendar yet better get it on there now.

Don't forget to regularly check the cruising page on our website as that's where the pre cruise notes get placed. I will try to shotgun a reminder to all who are registered on the cruising email list, but sometimes that evil work gets the best of me. Most importantly get you boats ready and get out there on the water.

Fairwinds to all

Please Welcome All of our New Members!

Peggy Poe

Your MRSA BOG has been hard at work accepting new members! Here are the new members who have joined MRSA.

Welcome to **Mary Lear-Wecht and Mark Wecht**, and their children Sierra, Liam, Leighton, Michael, and David. Mary and Mark and family live in Annapolis, and sail *Mariah*, a Pearson 31. Mark has already been out on the race course for Wednesday racing.

Sponsored by the Jackins, **Madeleine and Joe Tierney** of Arnold, are also members of the Sailing Club of the Chesapeake. The Tierneys have jumped into MRSA with both feet. We've seen them at the Brunch, the Thursday meeting at Hellas, and they've burned socks (Joe claimed they were clean socks) at the Sock burning party. Joe and Madeleine sail on *Allegro*, a Nonsuch 33.

Other new members who have already been actively involved are **Brooke and Rich Cottle**. The Cottles sail *Daphne*, a Cal 24 that they are trying to bring down from Long Island. (Anyone have a trailer to lend for that trip?) Brooke and Rich live in Severna Park.

Kathy Dougan and Pam Murdock sponsored **Roberta Smith**, who lives in Pasadena and has two children, Rachel and Brady. Rachel is really interested in Junior Sailing. Roberta met many MRSA sailors at the March Brunch.

Amy and Keith Welsh, Rachel, Jackie and Margaret attended the dinner meeting at Hellas Restaurant in April. Rachel is really hoping that she'll be able to attend Junior Sailing this year. The Welsh family lives in Millersville.

The Sock Burning Party always attracts lots of new member candidates, and this year was no exception. New members **Lou Anne Cline and Rich Loeschke** attended the Sock Burner and met the huge crowd of MRSA folks. It was a beautiful day to burn socks and join a great sailing club. Rich and Lou Anne sail *Mirage*, an Ericson 27 and live in Pasadena.

Yvonne Dedrickson and daughters Alyssa and Tara also attended the Sock Burning Party. **Yvonne and Les Dedrickson** and daughters Kristen, Alyssa, and Tara live in Pasadena. Alyssa hopes to be a part of Junior Sailing. Yvonne has raced with Ed Tracey on *Incommunicado* for 10 years, and was sponsored by Al Picardi and Ed Tracey. Both Alyssa and Tara were in the water at the party for most of Saturday afternoon. The sun was warm, but I'm not so sure about the water. Brrrrrr.

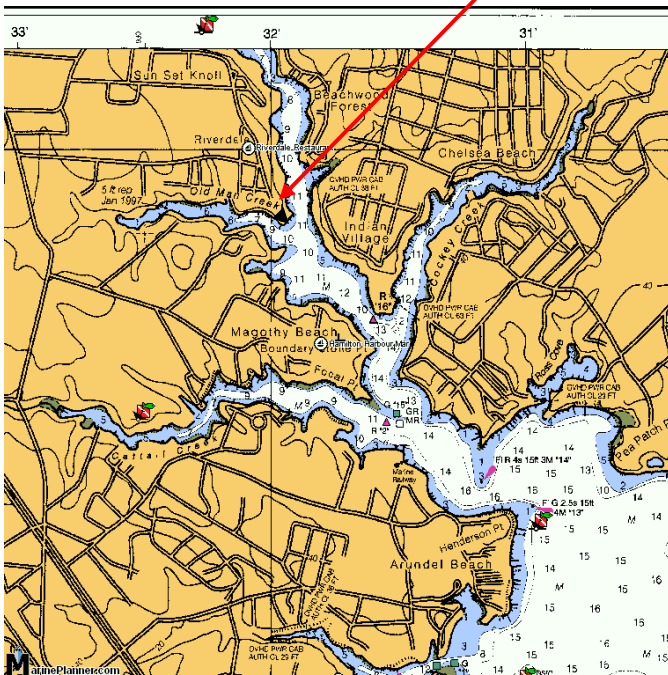
Cinco de Mayo Pig Roast

Chuck Beck and Tony Torres

Keep Saturday, May 5 Open for the Second MRSA Pig Roast.

Destination: Chuck and Ivelisse Beck's home at the intersection of Old Man Creek and the Magothy (house on the point between the Kammann's house and the Seal's old home).

194 Inverness Road
Severna Park, MD
410-544-1336



Navigation: Follow the Magothy West past Hamilton Marina to the Stone house on the point left of Old Man Creek. There are three docks. Vanir, Niche, and Toro Gordo can be found there. We will help with the docking, or if you want to anchor there are two moorings for your use, first come first serve.

By Land: From Annapolis off of Route 2, Right on Magothy Bridge Road, right at the 1st light on to 648, left on to Riverdale Road, right on Inverness Road to the Stone Gate at the end.

Time: Start around 4 pm - Dinner at 5 PM.

Food: To be catered by Adams' Ribs: Slow Roasted pig, roasted chicken, potato salad, cucumber and onion salad, rolls and butter. There is rumor of Rice and Cuban Black Beans. Cost: \$22 per person (children under 12 slightly less)

Plus: Bring a hors d'oeuvre and or a dessert to

share! We need to know how many boats to expect and how many hungry sailors to expect for the party. We are looking forward to seeing you. Please RSVP by Contacting Tony Torres @ 410-315-8850, or email torresac@msn.com please, sooner rather than later in that I have to give a people count to Adams Rib by May 2.

Saved by a Sailor

Peggy Poe

This just in...Just received an email from a wet and relieved kayaker who was pulled from the Magothy by a Wednesday night sailor. Way to go Scott!

“Hello,

Yesterday my family and I set out on an adventure in our Kayak and inevitably ended up too far out in the Magothy. When the water became rough and our Kayak took in too much water, we eventually capsized. One of your members, Scott Mucci, who sails the Hush Puppy, saw my husband, seven year old son, and myself waving our oar in distress and immediately came to our rescue. He pulled us all out of the water and took us back to safety. We want to thank Mr. Mucci...

Barbara Mirabelli

MRSA Picnic is June 8th

Peggy Poe

The crack of the bat means baseball. The buzz of the bees means flowers and springtime. The grass growing green means you have to cut it. Oh darn. What does it mean when June arrives?

It means you should mark your calendar for June 8th, at 6:30 pm at the North Shore Picnic area for the annual MRSA Picnic. This year we have a new twist. Not only will we have your favorite hotdogs and hamburgers with all the fixings, and your favorite potluck offerings from our fabulous MRSA gourmet chefs. But this year we will be having Nautical Swap.

What is Nautical Swap? The Vice Commodore bets that you have a couple of gadgets that just didn't work on your boat or a fitting that doesn't fit. This is your opportunity to swap it for something you've always wanted. (**Caveat ** If your nautical swap item doesn't get snapped up, it must be taken home, no matter what your admiral says.)

See you on June 8th.

2007 Cruising Schedule

Sock Burning Cruise	Broad Creek on the Magothy	April 21-22	Sheryl & Wes McNair
Blessing of the Fleet	Old Man Creek	May 5-6	Tony Torres/Chuck Beck
Ferris Buller's Day Off	Blue Angels Show	May 22	Ed Poe
Memorial Day Cruise	Wye River	May 26-28	Toni & Rich Hughes
	Rhode River	June 9-10	Gabriella Belli & Bob Krapfel
	St Michaels	June 23-24	Debbie & John Lund
Block Island Cruise	Newport/Block Island	June 23-July 8	Sheryl & Wes McNair
Fourth of July	Choptank River	TBA	TBA
Maybe Cruise	TBA	July 14-15	Diane & Joe Jackins
Corsica River	Race/Cruise	July 28-29	Marianne & Dick Kammann
August Picnic	Cornfield Creek on the Magothy	August 11-12	Sigrid & Myron Dorf
Moonlight Cruise	Eagle Cove	August 25-26	Annette Mullarky
Labor Day Cruise	Havre de Grace	September 1-3	TBA
Southern Bay Cruise		September TBA	Debbie & John Lund
Dessert Cruise	Baltimore	September 15-16	Wendy & Burry Vanderveer
House Warming	Church Creek	September 29-30	Toni & Rich Hughes
Goose Cruise	Corsica River	October 13-14	Dee & Tony Torres
Schooner Race Start		October 18	Ed Poe
Maybe Cruise	TBA	October 27-28	TBA
Frostbite Cruise	Cheshire Crab on the Bodkin	November 3-4	Lewis Neisner

Of Crabs and Money Clips

Tony Torres

I took the "Vanir" out last Sunday to get diesel, motor around, and air out the chill from below. I motored out to the mouth of the Magothy and on the way back stopped and filled up the tanks with diesel and took my time getting back to the dock at "Bird Haven". Now the incident happens, in the process of docking the "Vanir" my leather-bound money clip leapt out of my pocket and into the water. I quickly jumped off the boat ran to the boat shed, got a crab net, went back to scene and tried to scrape the bottom of the River to retrieve my \$40.00 and \$20.00 money-clip. Try and try as I did, I had no luck.

Remembering that Chuck Beck had a retrieving magnet, and the reason to why, my friends, is a tale to be told at another time, I walked up the hill to the garage, got the magnet and line, ran to the boat (down-hill), and started dragging the bottom. You see, the money-clip was of the magnetic type, and hope on hope, on the third or fourth try, up comes the money clip with a crab happily chewing on the leather of the clip.

I hesitated. Thinking the clip would be held firm by the magnet and that the crab would let go on breaking the water, I brought out the magnet, the crab fell off, taking the clip, and the money off the magnet, secure in its claws I watched the #!X# crab swim off to deeper and safer water.

I now know, don't, if you are on a boat, put anything that you don't want going into the water in your pocket, and that there is a \$60.00 crab out there in the Upper Magothy.

They're Here!

Annette Mullarky

Yes, as I mentioned in my comments, the new Lasers have arrived! Our Junior Training fleet has now added four Lasers to our inventory. The boats are 2000 Lasers used in the Lasers Worlds in Cancun, coming to us from Hobart and William Smith Colleges. The boats look like they are in very good shape, and came with nice Seitech dollies and board bags for all their gear.

I had a nice dinner with Past Commodore Beth Vanfossen while in the area, and she filled me in on the area and settling into her new home. Beth and Lewis' new digs are about 45 minutes from the college, in Rochester, NY. Beth sends her hellos and looks forward to seeing many of you at the Memorial Day Cruise!

Lots of help went into my trip. First, thank you to Steve Maddox and the Baltimore County Sailing Center for the loan of the trailer, and to Roger Bartholomee for getting us in contact with them. BCSC has a great program run out of Rocky Point Park in Essex, and has invited us to become involved in some of their activities – watch for details in the future. Continued on Page: 7

Next, thanks to John and Meg Taylor for the use of their Expedition as a tow vehicle. Having a solid and comfortable truck to pull that big trailer made all the difference, and when I realized the dollies were coming with us too, I had plenty of room to load them.

Thanks also to the Hobart Sailing team. They met us bright and early Tuesday morning, and in very short order had everything loaded and secured to get us on our way home. Thanks to them, we made it off the Baltimore Beltway about a half hour before rush hour started and I arrived home much more relaxed.

Finally, thanks Dave! One of our crew joined me for the trip, acting as navigator, DJ, cargo checker, etc. It was nice to have a friend to talk to for 12 hours in the car!

Tuesday, May 22nd Day Sail Cruise to the Severn and Back

Blue Angels Performance and “Ferris Bueller’s Day,”
(Canadian Holiday) Cruise Leader - Ed Poe

Yes! Everyone needs a day off once in a while. And what is better than a day on the water sailing? And even better is sailing and airplanes! On Tuesday, May 22nd the Blue Angels **MAY** be coming to Annapolis. Of course, since the tragic crash just a few days ago, the resumption of the Blue Angels schedule has not yet been verified, but if they are flying, and it's a nice day,

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2007 Race Committee Schedule

Race	Date	Boat	Skipper	Phone	E-mail
Series 1, Race 1	April 18	Ingenuity	Joe Lombardo	(410) 757-3445	joe.lombardo@jhuapl.edu
Series 1, Race 2	April 25	Evensong	Tom Harmon	(410) 935-4831	tharmon2112@yahoo.com
Series 1, Race 3	May 2	Miranda	Gene Gottschack	(410) 439-0211	miranda@tartan30.org
Series 1, Race 4	May 9	Fun/Escape	Dave McCollough	(410) 544-8500	mrhelpusell@cs.com
Series 2, Race 1	May 16	Vivace	Gene McCollum	(410) 987-2066	kathyandgene@verizon.net
Spring Classic	May 19	Rondora Lai	Don Rockwood	(410) 730-0502	donrockwood@comcast.net
Series 2, Race 2	May 23	Wabbit	Ralph Reitan	(410) 271-3600	captain_wabbit@yahoo.com
Series 2, Race 3	May 30	Japhys Spruit	Sam Gallagher	(410) 757-5326	samg2@verizon.net
Series 2, Race 4	June 6	Better Times	Bob Simonsen	(410) 796-1096	redboatman@verizon.net
Series 3, Race 1	June 13				
Series 3, Race 2	June 20				
Series 3, Race 3	June 27				
Sail for Sight	July 7	Bella Donna	Angelo Guarino	(410) 544-8992	angelo@oceansystems.com
Series 3, Race 4	July 11				
Series 4, Race 1	July 18				
Series 4, Race 2	July 25	Daly Grind	John Daly	(410) 757-6074	dalygrind34@yahoo.com
Corsica River Race	July 28	Encounter	Drew Dowling	(410) 647-6492	dowlingdrew@cablespeed.com
Corsica River Race Back	July 29	Ravenous	Ed Poe	(410) 339-3749	ed.poe@smithbarney.com
Series 4, Race 3	August 1	Gusto	Bob Seay	(410) 647-6350	bobseay1@comcast.net
Series 4, Race 4	August 8	Chaos	Tom Price	(410) 437-5897	tprice@usna.edu
Series 5, Race 1	August 15	Heyday	Shep Drain	(410) 255-8369	sdrain@carolinadoor.com
Series 5, Race 2	August 22	Ultraviolet	Dave Prucnal	(410) 25505623	a27usa9@yahoo.com
Series 5, Race 3	August 29				
Series 5, Race 4	September 5				
Series 6, Race 1	September 12				
Series 6, Race 2	September 19	Oras	Brad Hill	(410) 757-4939	hilloras@juno.com
Series 6, Race 3	September 26				
Fall Series, Day 1	October 7	Rebecca	B&C Paul	(410) 255-9585	wdpaul7@aol.com
Fall Series, Day 2	October 14				
Fall Series, Day 3	October 21	Allu	Joe Berchielli	(410) 647-8470	jbengr@msn.com
Fall Series, Day 4	November 4				
Fall Series, Day 5	November 11	Endless Summer	Alan Weiss	(410) 544-1986	sailingdr@aol.com

Classifieds

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 AI Picardi at 410-544-4295.

For Free:

Free to a good home Gently (OK, not so gently) used fire hose. No longer serviceable for its intended use, it works well for padding dock edges and pilings. We've also had success using it as chafe protection, and I imagine it would work well on trailers or racks. Mostly 50' lengths of 3" dia. hose (approx. 4.5-5" flat width). A few sections of 1 3/4" dia. (approx. 2" flat width) available. Email Mike & Annette Mullarky at boreasmd@verizon.net to arrange pickup or possible delivery to an upcoming MRSA function.

For Sale:

HOBIE 14 TURBO. Includes roller furling jib. Fun boat. \$800

Michael Manuzak (C) 410-320-9299

Crew Wanted

Magothy to Nantucket and return
Luxurious accommodations on Papillon.
Leaving the Magothy on June 23, arriving in Nantucket on June 28. (Plan to accompany the Block Island Cruise group part way.)
Leaving Nantucket July 7, arriving Magothy on July 11.

If you are interested in either leg of this cruise, contact Walt Burmeister (410) 980-8665 or wjburmeister@cs.com.

The greatest joy of cruising is this – you may take it as you like it.

-W.E. Warrington

Sock Burning



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... we'll be sailing with a possible raft-up get-together in the late afternoon on the Magothy.

So if you can play hooky on the 22nd, call Ed at 410-296-6428 (H) or email peggypoe@aol.com to see if the trip is on, and to make the final arrangements. The good ship "Ravenous" will raring to go, planning to leave the pier at 10:30 am, arriving back at approx 5pm. And will take passengers or rendezvous for a flotilla.

Choosing a Flag of the Proper Size for Your Boat

The U.S. Ensign or yacht ensign at the stern staff should be approximately 1 inch on the fly per each overall foot of the boat. The hoist should be approximately two-thirds the fly. The union jack should be the same size as the canton of the proper U.S. ensign for the boat. Club burgees and private signals should be approximately 1/2 inch on the fly for each foot of the highest mast, measured from the waterline to the masthead.

The Parts of a Flag

Field – the background

Hoist – the part of the flag nearest the halyard; also the word for width

Fly – the part opposite the hoist

Length – the horizontal dimension of the flag, measured from the hoist to the fly

Width – the vertical measurement along the flag's hoist

First Quarter – the upper half of the hoist

Second Quarter – the upper half of the fly

Third Quarter – the lower half of the hoist

Fourth Quarter – the lower half of the fly

Canton – the first quarter; on the yacht ensign, the part with the anchor; on the U.S. ensign, the part with the stars

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