The Old Man

The Monthly Newsletter of the Magothy River Sailing Association **September 2007**

Moonlight Cruise

Mike & Annette Mullarky

Well, we saw the moon and we sailed, so I guess technically there was a Moonlight Cruise. Unfortunately, the weather really did not cooperate Saturday night! Saturday afternoon Eighth Deadly Sin had a lovely sail out the river, passing & waving to the Lund's along the way. While turning north toward the Gibson Island channel, however, a long dark group of clouds, bringing lightning with them, started heading our way. I must say the sunset was simultaneously the most spectacular and unsettling I'd ever seen. The western sky was truly on fire – whoever said "red sky at night, sailor's delight" wasn't talking about this for sure! We scooted around the point, and began our evening anchor drill. After several attempts, and some discussions about whether our new lightweight racing anchor might float?!, the second wave of lightning and downpour arrived, and we decided that home and slip looked like the best plan. Two very close lightning strikes on shore got our attention, but we arrived home soggy and unscathed.

Sunday brought less wind, but also much calmer conditions, so we set out and finally anchored in Eagle's Cove Sunday morning, just in time to see the Dorf's two kayaks approaching (do they get double cruising credit for bringing 2 boats?). Myron and Sigi joined us for mimosas, egg casserole, and brought a yummy fruit-filled coffee cake, and had the Sin tour, before heading off to beat the heat. We decided they had the right idea, and had a wonderfully uneventful motor back to Broad Creek.

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Commodore's Comments

Annette Mullarky

Aaah, the doldrums of August on the Chesapeake! We've had a fairly breezy summer this year, but all knew it would catch up with us eventually. I've never heard so many racers thank the CB for shortening as I did last night!

The Corsica River Race/Cruise brought some light air, too, but the MRSA Committee Boats were kind and smart enough to bring us to the wind to start on Saturday, and stop us before we got out of it on Sunday. Thank you Drew and Ed – as you know, those drifters can be painful! As always, the party Saturday night was great fun! Wednesday racing continues through September, including our Woman at the Helm class for Series 6. If you're looking for Bay Racing, the Queenstown Race is at the end of the month as well.

Speaking of great parties, the August Picnic at Milbur had sunny and cool weather, a big turnout, yummy treats, and sailing stories. Mike and I had to leave early, but I really enjoyed catching up with both old and new members while we were there. Nice job Poes & Dorfs!

The Moonlight Cruise… you can see our report further on in the Old Man, but I'll confess that I'm now sure that MRSA Cruisers are smarter than the average bear (and your Commodore and her Past Commodore-husband!). A quick quiz to prove my point: When is the best time to try anchoring your new boat (with new anchor tackle) for the first time? A.) When you're leading a cruise and hosting the raft-up. B.) After dark, and with a guest aboard C.) In a nasty, ugly thunderstorm D.) Clearly none of the above – and stay home if the weather looks that bad!! Yes, we now know the answer, too! By the way, thank you Myron for the advice – the 'mud flaps' for the Fortress are on the way.

Fortunately, September brings lots of good cruises with it. Labor Day will be in Havre de Grace (I hear a rumor there will be ice cream!), mid-month is the Dessert Cruise to Baltimore, and at the end of the month, we'll get to celebrate the Hughes new home on the South River.

Commodore's Comments (Continued)

Annette Mullarky

Finally, I have some good news/bad news to announce. I got word last month that our Cruising Fleet Captain, Burry Vanderveer, and his family are going to be moving to New Jersey for Burry's work. Burry – thank you for doing such a great job as Cruising Captain; I'm sure I speak for MRSA in saying we'll miss having you here on a regular basis, and look forward to your visits (New Jersey is really close, after all). We'll try to give you a great send off at the Baltimore Dessert Cruise!

Now the good news: Bob Krapfel and Gabriella Belli have agreed to step in and finish out Burry's term. Bob & Gabi have been with MRSA for several years, and led the Rhode River cruise earlier this year. They've got a tough act to follow, but I know they'll do a fantastic job. Please, be sure to thank them for taking the helm when you see them, and thank you very much from me!

Sail fast!

October Membership Meeting – October 4th

Peggy Poe

It's time for the October Membership meeting. We will be meeting at Hellas Restaurant on Thursday, October 4th at 6:30 pm. For intelligent conversation (?) and good food, this is the time and the place. Join us and tell tales of what you did this summer. Share Boat Show plans – what you'll be buying and the boats you plan to check out. We all will want to hear of your adventures on that long cruise or the latest repair that has you stymied. The October meeting is the place with the expert advice and sailors that have had the same boat problem.

We'll have a social time, then a buffet dinner, then our speaker. You know the drill!

More information will be on the way to you soon.

Hellas Restaurant is at 8498 Veterans Highway, Millersville, MD 21108, and the food is great! (Directions will be available on our website at www.magothyriver.com or you can call Hellas at 410-987-0948.) There is a children's menu.

Be sure to save the date!

Cruise to Cornfield Creek

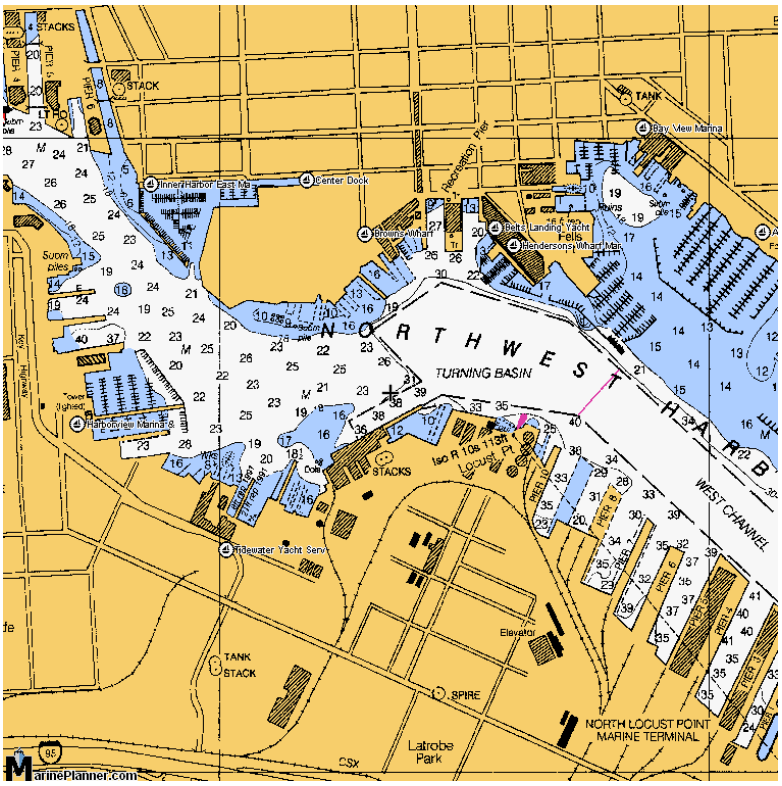
Myron & Sigrid Dorf

Although a family emergency kept us from attending word has it that August 11 was bright and sunny and a great day to cruise to Cornfield Creek and the annual MRSA picnic at Mil-Bur. Those taking advantage of this weather and arriving by boat were the Bonham's on "The Other Line", the Lunds on "Min Van", new members Jed Springfield and Kate Burk and guests Dod Poe and family. The Petersons on "April Fool" and the Timmerman's on "Dark Star" took advantage of the good anchoring area and pleasant weather and spent the night.

Once ashore the cruisers joined those arriving by land cruiser for some conversation, swimming and good food - especially the strawberry sundaes.

Dessert Cruise – September 15 and 16

Wendy & Burry Vanderveer



Anchorage/Dockage: We are docking for this cruise at the Baltimore Inner Harbor East. Spots have been set aside but you must reserve a spot for your boat by 10 Sep. Cost is $1.76 per foot per night. Call Millie Auer at 410-625-1700 and make sure you mention that you are with MRSA. Reservations need not be guaranteed this year.

Activities: So what is Better than Sailing???

Why sailing to a place where you can eat, drink and laugh of course!!!

The weekend of 14-16 Sep we will be docking for some excellent food, drink and fun at Baltimore Inner Harbor. Here is the plan:

Arrive Friday for those who can escape work early, for those of us who can't, arrive on Saturday. We will be docking together at Inner Harbor East and the Marina will try to group us on a pier with tables.

Cocktail hour on the dock at 1600 both nights, with every one bringing an hors d'oeurve and libation.

Friday night dine at a restaurant of your choice (wide variety of excellent restaurants nearby). Saturday have the day to explore the inner harbor and make sure you have a hearty lunch as dinner will be light! Saturday we will do some heavy hor d'oeurves starting at 1600 and then head off to a comedy show at the Comedy Factory at 1830 for 1900. I won't be making a group reservation this year so each couple should reserve their own tickets.

Comedy Show:

-Show starts at 1900 hrs, at the Comedy Factory located at the junction of Light Street and Lombard Street in the Inner Harbor. http://www.baltimorecomedy.com

-Kyle Groomes is the headliner, one of the many stars from Comedy Central.

http://www.comedycentral.com/comedians/browse/g/kyle_grooms.jhtml

-Cost is $17 per person and a two drink minimum. Soft drinks are $3.50, beer is ~$5.00 and hard drinks are $6.50 and up. You need to pay up front for the tickets by reserving with your credit card.

Following the show we will head off to coffee and some decadent desert and with this fortifying us will proceed for the pleasant moonlit walk back along the waterfront to our boats.

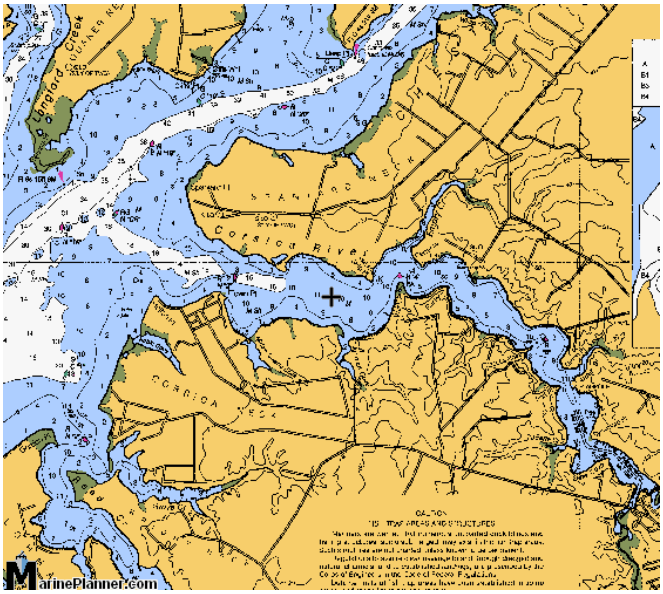
Sunday morning 0930-1000 will be a brunch on the dock where everyone brings something to share. Sunday afternoon we regrettably toss off the lines and head home, relaxed and fortified for another grueling week in the salt mines!

2007 Cruising Schedule			
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

Goose Cruise – October 13 - 14

Tony and Dee Torres

Perhaps we will see some geese this year?



and steady wind from the southwest on Saturday and northeast on Sunday.

If you are interested in joining us please let us know. E-mail me at: torresac@msn.com or newsletter@magothysailing.com or 410-315-8850. Save the date!

IN A PINCH, WHEN THE TECHNICAL TERM FOR A NAUTIVAL ITEM ELUDES YOU, TRY ONE OF THESE

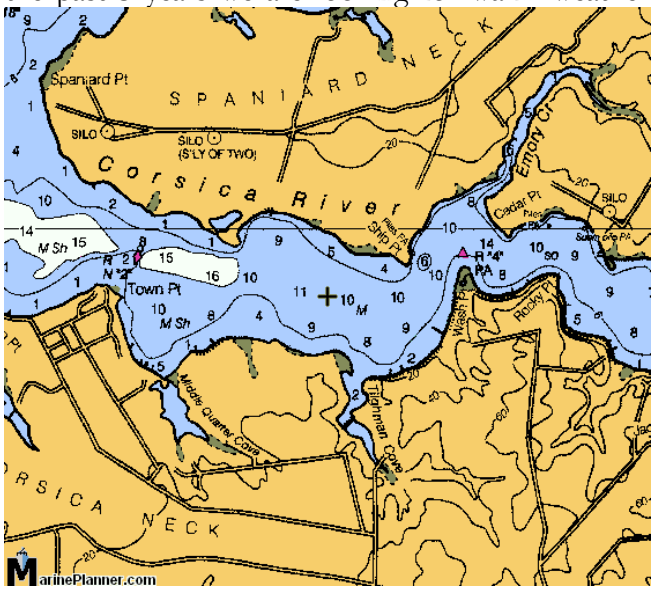
Wifflin, Wifflo gadget, Foo-foo valve, Doohickey, Gally downhaul, Shovewood, Gronical, Blivitt, Mundungus, Grubbin, or Scudgeon (sometimes defined as a rudder for a ducks ass)

Looking to do one more cruise this year? Don't forget the Goose Cruise scheduled to take place the weekend of October 13.

Stories have been told. Rumors have spread about the good times, good food, warm friends, and great drinks. So join us to find out all about this legendary cruise.

The heartiest of the heartiest, the bravest of the brave make this trip refusing to believe that Old Man Winter is knocking at the door.

We are planning to anchor just north or just beyond and behind Red "4" depending on the wind, and what offers the best protection. Unlike the past 3 years we are looking for warm weather



Classifieds

For Sale

Express 30. 1984; 8200 lbs, 5'6" draft, 10' beam. Technora 155 AP jib, #3, storm jib, 2 mains, 2 spins. VC17 bottom paint, Martec prop, AP, wheel, AM/FM/CD, Nexus Multi with repeaters (depth, speed, apparent-true wind, etc) 2 AGM batteries, propane 2 burner stove/oven, pressure water, dripless stuffing box, Yanmar 2GM. Great PHRF boat (144). $29,000 OBO (410) 987-2066.

Slip Available

Private Boat Slip. Upper Magothy River. 5 foot average depth. Protected cove. Water & 110v electric. Can hold up to 34' length. $1,100 per year. Call Mike (443) 851-5015.

House Wanted

Thanksgiving week. Nov. 19-25.

3-4 bedrooms. Pasadena, Severna Park area. Contact Lewis Neisner, 585-360-4715.

For Sale

8ft. fiberglass sailing dinghy fully equipped including sail, 2 piece aluminum mast, and ash oars. Freshly painted off-white. Asking $475. Please call Geoff at 410 255 0699 or cell 410 852 7632

Ocean racing is made up of many bad afternoons, ugly mornings, and hard nights.

- *William Snaith*

September 25

1513 – Balboa sighted the Pacific Ocean, from a hilltop in what is now Panama.

Moonlight Cruise 2007

2007 Race Committee Schedule					
Race	Date	Boat	Skipper	Phone	E-mail
Series 5, Race 4	September 5	Hush Puppy	Scott Mucci		
Series 6, Race 1	September 12	Tatus II	John Maliszewski		
Series 6, Race 2	September 19	Oras	Brad Hill	(410) 757-4939	hilloras@juno.com
Series 6, Race 3	September 26	Merlin	Clent Lowe		
Fall Series, Day 1	October 7	Rebecca	B&C Paul	(410) 255-9585	wdpaul7@aol.com
Fall Series, Day 2	October 14	War Party	Chris Lindsay		
Fall Series, Day 3	October 21	Allu	Joe Berchielli	(410) 647-8470	jbengr@msn.com
Fall Series, Day 4	November 4	Beaujolais	Jeff Poehler	(410) 382-3954	poehlerkj@comcast.net
Fall Series, Day 5	November 11	Endless Summer	Alan Weiss	(410) 544-1986	sailingdr@aol.com

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