



The Old Man

The Monthly Newsletter of the Magothy River Sailing Association

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Goose Cruise to the Chester River

Tony Torres



With cool temperatures, crisp clear skies, and winds out of the west a group of eight boats got together on the Chester River. The weekend of October 13th turned out to be picture perfect.

It was a lazy sail up the Corsica and into the Chester River.

Arriving a little late, I was greeted by the Al and Sue Kirkendall, Philippe and Shirley Masice, Rich and Brook Cottle, and Mike and Loura Bonham. I was followed closely by Jeff and Kate Fones, John and Debbie Lund.

Al and Sue offered to host the evening get together on “Flying Low” and the food started arriving. Daiquiris, Rum Cake, Rum Soaked Weenies, Pumpkin Pie along with a whole assortment of foods appeared, all plans for dinner were cast aside.

The temperature dropped but could not dampen the good spirits of those that braved “Old Man Winter” on the final cruise of the year.

The next day, with light winds out of the west, we broke up the raft and headed home.

It's as good as it gets.

FANTASTIC Fall Cruise to the South River

Rich Hughes

Winds of 20 to 25 knots from the north on September 29 made for a great trip to the South River for six boats who joined Rich and Toni Hughes for cocktails ashore at the Wilelinor Community clubhouse. The community of Wilelinor is located along Church Creek on the north shore of the South River. The creek is a beautiful setting with high wooded banks and few visible signs of population. Several of the arriving cruisers reported bald eagle sightings as they came into the creek. (See next Page)

(Continued) While the winds from the north made for a fast sail, it also blew all the water out of Church Creek. John and Debbie Lund aboard Min Van IV were the first to arrive in the creek and called Rich and Toni to report that the dingy dock was not afloat. As the other cruisers bounced their way into Church Creek, the tide filled in and everyone was able to get ashore for cocktails. The other cruisers to arrive included Philippe and Shirley Masiee on "Corret", Stu and Vicky Timerman on "Dark Star", Dick and Dretta Peterson on "April Fool", Fred and Sue Betz on "Dulcinea", Wes and Sheryl McNair on "Merlin", and Joe and Diane Jackins on "Magic Dragon". George and Carolyn Stamps and Dick and Marianne Kammann joined the cruise on "Land Yacht". The happy hour, per MRSA standards, was FANTASTIC company and awesome Hors d'oeuvres. Watching the sun set over the creek provided a great finale for a great fall day. Temperatures in the mid-50s provided great for sleeping aboard.



Shirley Masiee, Joe Jackins, Peggy Poe and Diane Jackins

On Sunday morning the cruisers were joined by Ed and Peggy Poe for brunch at the Hughes' new home. Once again, good food and good company were the standard fare for an MRSA event. With stomachs full of omelets, the cruisers left for a long motorboat ride north.

Put on your Dancing Shoes

Peggy Poe

Dust off your dancing shoes and bust out your best moves. Mark your calendars for January 12, 2008 for the famous MRSA Commodore's Ball! You will have sent the out of town holiday guests home, put away your decorations, returned those unwanted gifts, and recovered from your New Year's Eve celebration. What better than a chance to gather together to celebrate the New Year with your MRSA friends.

The beautiful ambiance of the Gibson Island Club, combined with delicious food and terrific music, will make a great evening to celebrate the accomplishments of the 2006-2007 MRSA Board and to install the 2007-2008 Board. Be sure to save the Date!

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Commodore's Comments

Annette Mullarky

If you were out on the River this past Sunday (and if you weren't, you missed a beautiful sailing day), you might have heard a conversation a little like this one: "Mike, is that who I think it is coming out from behind Gibson Island? They must be headed to Annapolis." "Yes, hon, I think it is, but no, they appear to be coming into the River!" Sure enough, to the delight of our 7 and

10 year old crew (who were convinced we were being invaded by pirates!), as well as all the adults on board – the Pride of Baltimore made a surprise (at least for us) visit to the Magothy last weekend! After coming through the Narrows, she worked northwest, anchoring not far from Dobbins Island (and Race Mark A). Unfortunately, we had no camera aboard (something about extra weight on a racing boat!), so we have no picture to mark the day, but it will certainly be one we remember for a long time.

So, Angelo, now that we know they can fit - do you think we can get them to do Committee Boat one weekend this fall? I can't believe that this week marks the last Wednesday Night Race of the season! Our Pink Flag Women at the Helm class has some tough competition this year – look out guys; you may not get the helm back next race! I even took a turn at skipper last week. It went well, but I think I'll stick with pit – I like the middle of the boat, not the ends. Mike, you can have it back for Fall Series. Oh, and don't forget the Trophy Party coming up at Gibson Island in a couple weeks. Lots of good food, fun and sailing stories; and of course, some folks will get to collect their well-earned trophies!

So, 'fess up – how many cruisers have started their New Year's resolutions early as a result of our September cruises? Between the lime sherbet in Havre de Grace (I got to try the test batch – yummy) and the annual pilgrimage to Vaccaro's, I'm feeling the call of the treadmill loud and clear. I don't think this is what they mean by 'putting extra weight on the rail!' Unfortunately, I'll be working the Saturday of the Housewarming Cruise, but I'm sure Rich and Toni will put on a Fantastic event!

And we have even more great upcoming events – our Vice Commodore and his amazing assistant have been very busy lately. With sailing season winding down, we'll be starting our monthly membership meetings soon. I won't steal Ed & Peggy's thunder – I'll just tell you they've lined up some great speakers and, in conjunction with our Frostbite Cruise leader, a new venue for that event. Be sure to RSVP (yes, I hope!), so we have enough chairs and food ready. Ed & Peggy – put us down as a definitely!

Sail fast!

Annette

HALLOWEEN WILL BE IN THE BOOKS!

Peggy Poe



Yes, it is time to cruise the HARRIS CRAB HOUSE for the final cruise on the year, and get some learning too.

Join your MRSA friends at the Harris Crab House on Kent Island for a Dinner and a Speaker.

NOVEMBER 3RD AT 6:00 PM

Mike Schneider of THE LIBERTY SHIP, SS JOHN BROWN, will tell us about the Liberty Ships during the Second World War and about the restoration of the SS John Brown.

The FROSTBITE (LAND) CRUISE is always fun. So after a day of sailing, or

raking, or just snoozing on the couch, join us for dinner and an informative evening.

THIS DELICIOUS BUFFET DINNER OF CRAB CAKES AND PRIME RIB, CARVED AT THE BUFFET FOR YOU, WILL BE \$30 PER PERSON.

PLEASE RSVP TO ANNETTE AND MIKE MULLARKY AT 410-439-1556 OR TO BOREASMD@VERIZON.NET RIGHT AWAY.

Commodore's Comments

Annette Mullarky

Well, reality has finally set in. As I look out the window at the cool, dreary, but much-needed rain, it is really sinking in that sailing season is winding to a close. I've pulled out my full-fingered gloves and fleece top – after all, we're still racing Fall Series for a few more weeks. But I know very soon, we'll be headed to a yard for hauling, and tucking our 'baby' in for the winter.

But the end of the season doesn't mean the end of the fun here at MRSA! We've already started the fall/winter parties and meetings. The Trophy Party was well attended (close to 100 people, by my rough count!). Ed and Roger did a great job getting everything ready to go, and Angelo – what can I say, you're a natural emcee! If you made the October meeting at Hella's, you got the chance to hear about Susie Rittenhouse living the dream! If you didn't, you missed some great pictures and stories. I enjoyed hearing a woman's perspective on the sport, and am planning on challenging myself more next year on the boat.

Coming up, I'm looking forward to our Frostbite Cruise and November meeting. I've had the pleasure of the 'insider tour' of the John W. Brown (thank you, Rob!), and can't wait to hear more about the history of this fascinating vessel. The crabs at Harris' are calling my name as well! December brings the Annapolis Lighted Boat Parade, and our Annual Elections.

Wow, Annual Elections! I can't believe my term as your Commodore is almost over. It's been a great ride, but I'm about ready to go back to sitting in the back row, instead of standing up front at the meetings. There is one more major item on my agenda for the year, though – making sure my successor has as wonderful a BOG to work with as I have! (Continued on the Next Page)

(Continued) The Nominating Committee has been formed, and we'll be looking for volunteers - lots of volunteers! I knew coming in that it took many hands to make this club run, but I had no idea how many generous and talented people work behind the scenes on our programs. So, if you've got the time and talent to share (and I know you do!), don't wait for the phone to ring. Get in touch with the Nominating Committee, and let us put you to work!

Sail fast, Annette

Tom Finn, Past MRSA Commodore has Passed Away

Various Friends

Tom Finn, an MRSA Past Commodore and dear friend of mine passed away Thursday morning. The family asked me to contact the "sailing friends". I have emailed everyone I can think of, that Tom knew.

Michael Manuzak

Would you believe that Rocky and I saw Tom Finn's Ericson 35 on the Magothy last Sunday? Rocky and I were racing in the Fall series on Rocky's boat when we saw Tom's old boat headed toward the bay. Earlier Mike Manusak (the helmsman on Tom's boat during races) was out there testing his new power boat and buzzed by us and took some pictures. Looks like Tom doesn't want to leave the Magothy.

Charlie Hutch

Tom Finn was a good friend of mine who introduced me to MRSA. He also introduced me to sailboat racing, allowing me to follow behind him as he raced his beautiful Ericson 34 "Finesse II" for a few races as I was learning what to do and wondering how to do it. He was a great gentleman, an enthusiastic sailor, and one of those responsible for starting MRSA long ago. His wife Edie also sailed with him in all their races. She was also an active and enthusiastic part of MRSA. We all owe both of them a lot for all they did for good sailing on the Magothy.

They kept their boat at Leatherwoods' in Broad Creek until about 10 years ago, where they became close friends of the Manuzak's and the Jackins. He was 86 years old on October 12th. As recently as last year, Tom went out with the White Lightning crew to help them win another race. He and Edith both loved sailing and sailors.

Ed Poe

Nominating Committee

Annette Mullarky

It's almost time for the changing of the guard, and to borrow an old phrase from Uncle Sam – WE WANT YOU! The Nominating Committee has been formed, and as the bylaws require, I'm letting you know who to call to volunteer. This year's Committee consists of myself, Diane Jackins, Rich Hughes, Laura Bonham, and me. I can tell you that serving on the BOG has been a rewarding experience for me, and has given me a greater appreciation for both the myriad of programs this club has to offer, and the amazing people who make them happen. So jump in! Our e-mails and phone numbers are listed at the front of this Old Man, and under Membership on our web page. We'll be talking to you soon!

Goose Cruise 2007



Debbie Lund, Kate Fones, Shirley Masiee, Harvey Paskin, Jeff Fones and Mike Bonham



Mike and Loura Bonham, Rich Cottle, Philippe Masiee, and John Lund



Shirley and Philippe Masiee



Tony Torres, Philippe, and John



Brooke and Rich Cottle



Al and Sue Kirkendall (Our Hosts)

A Final Note:

HMS Beagle, South Pacific Ocean
November 15, 1835

At daylight, Tahiti, an island which must for ever remain classical to the voyager in the South Sea, was in view. At a distance the appearance was not attractive. The luxuriant vegetation of the lower part could not yet be seen, and the clouds rolled past, the wildest and most precipitous peaks showed themselves towards the center of the island. As soon as we anchored in Matavai Bay, we were surrounded by canoes. This was our Sunday, but the Monday of Tahiti: if the case had been reversed, we should not have received a single visit; for the injunction not to launch a canoe on the Sabbath is rigidly obeyed. After dinner we landed to enjoy all the delights produced by the first impressions of a new country, and that country the charming Tahiti. A crowd of men, women, and children was collected on the memorable Point Venus, ready to receive us with laughing, merry faces.

- Charles Darwin

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