



The Old Man

The Monthly Newsletter of the Magothy River Sailing Association

January 2008

MRSA Officers Elected

Peggy Poe



Commodore Ed and Bill Hoffman

With thanks to our hosts Jim and Verna Wilson, we once again descended on the Belvedere Yacht Club for our annual Wine and Cheese Party on Thursday evening December 13, 2008. Forty MRSA members enjoyed a wide range of favorite wines and a few soft drinks and hearty “ales” as well as some delicious hors d’oeuvres and cheeses provided by the club’s gourmet cooks. Belvedere YC was decorated for the holidays with a Christmas tree and beautiful wreaths, putting us all in the spirit to elect the new board of governors. (The outgoing officers were glad to “outgo.”)

Commodore Annette Mullarky dispensed with a short business meeting and then went straight to the election of officers. There

was one change to the publicized slate of officers. Joe Tierney withdrew his name as Fleet Captain, Junior Training. Rich Hughes was nominated for that position, and he accepted the nomination. It was moved and seconded that the modified slate of officers be elected. The newly proposed slate of officers was elected. See below:

Commodore: Ed Poe
Vice Commodore: Toni Hughes
Rear Commodore: Craig Coltharpe
Secretary: Laura Bonham
Treasurer: Jim McCutchan
Fleet Captains Cruising: Bob Krapfel and Gabriella Belli
Fleet Captain Junior Training: Rich Hughes
Race Committee Chairman: Angelo Guarino
Fleetmaster: Dan Prucnal
Past Commodore: Annette Mullarky

Joe Tierney will be assisting Rich Hughes on the Administrative workload of Junior Training.

Commodore Ed Poe closed the meeting, thanking the old Board for their hard work, and wishing all to have a very happy holiday. We sang Happy Birthday to the Past Commodore, Annette Mullarky, before the meeting adjourned.

2007 Officers of the MRSA

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Commodore's Comments

Ed Poe

Happy New Year everyone! Days are beginning to get longer.



It's time to start thinking and planning for the sailing season that will be here before we know it, with sunshine and warm sailing breezes, colorful spinnakers and sunsets, and the friendly camaraderie of happy sailors.

As the old year draws to a close, we want to thank all those who helped in so many ways to give us all such good times, both on the water and at interesting social events during the past season. I especially want to thank the outgoing board and committee members, who gave of their time and talents to pull all the pieces together. Thanks in advance to incoming leaders who are already thinking of ways we can build upon our existing strengths to add interest, fun, and enthusiasm for the coming season.

Our goal in MRSA is to help as many people as possible to make the most of sailing on our wonderful Magothy River and Chesapeake Bay. Peggy and I love this river and the people who are on it. We have been sailing on the Magothy for over 30 years. Over the years we have learned so much from our many sailing club friends who have shown us how to sail better, how to race better, how to cruise better, taking us to beautiful destinations that we would never have found on our own. In so many ways they have shown us how to have more fun on the water. Now it's our turn to pass it on! We hope you can say many of the same things. We also hope you and your family will pitch in and help us with your energy and good ideas to make it great in 2008!

Goals for 2008:

Build on our fine racing program. In coordination with other sailing clubs on the Magothy, increase interest and participation in CBYRA sanctioned racing events. Last year, Magothy racers won and placed well in numerous big bay races, but many of our Wednesday racers don't know much about the bay races and seldom venture outside the river. Before the season gets started, our goal is to have some interesting shore-side events and seminars to help us prepare.

Build on our great junior sailing program and add more events. We had a terrific 2 week sailing camp last summer. We have a very fine fleet of small boats.

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Commodore's Comments (Continued)

Ed Poe

This summer, we want to have another great camp, and we also want to have weekly racing for juniors, several picnics, and in coordination with other sailing clubs on the river, have monthly inter-club racing events for juniors and small boats.

Build on our cruising schedule. Last year we had cruises to the Eastern Shore, to Virginia, and to destinations on the Magothy. We will plan a variety of cruising events to appeal to everyone. A fair number will be to nearby destinations for those with smaller boats and young families who can't take the longer treks.

Build on our social events to keep them interesting, educational, convenient, and FUN!

So pitch in and help us all have a great time. We'll be looking for you!

Ed

Hello from the Great White North

BJ Vanderveer

From: BJ Vanderveer [mailto:bvander66@hotmail.com]

Sent: Monday, November 19, 2007 12:59 PM

To: commodore@magothysailing.com

Hi Annette

Just read Octobers Old Man and missing the Magothy, especially where we are getting snowed upon here today (4 inches, can you believe that)

Great to see the fall sailing was great, looks like some excellent cruises (kudos to Gabi and Bob) and some great racing the past two months.

Wendy and I are alive and well. We have started counting the months to retirement and our return to the Chesapeake. Life living aboard is going great, with some transitional hurdles to overcome, but we are surviving and not yet freezing (I did install a fireplace though). It makes it harder when working full time that's for sure. As well, making the transition from a land dweller and do a move to a new city at the same time was a challenge.

We are glad to see the Commodore's Ball will remain in Gibson's Island, such a nice place, love the ambiance. Wendy and I certainly have it on our calendars now and hope to get invite/tickets when they are sent out.

Pass on our best wishes to all and hope all have a wonderful thanksgiving.

Here is a small poem a friend sent me, it's from Longfellow and talks to sailing and life, might be of use for the next Old Man, if you don't think it is too somber.

Cheers, Burry

It was the schooner Hesperus,
That sailed the wintery sea;
And the skipper had taken his little daughter,
To bear him company.

Blue were her eyes as the fairy flax,
Her cheeks like the dawn of day,
And her bosom white as the hawthorn buds,
That hope in the month of May.

The Skipper he stood beside the helm,
His pipe was in his mouth,
And he watched how the veering flaw did blow
The smoke now West, now South.

Then up and spake an old Sailor,
Had sailed the Spanish Main,
"I pray thee, put into yonder port,
for I fear a hurricane.

"Last night the moon had a golden ring,
And to-night no moon we see!"
The skipper, he blew whiff from his pipe,
And a scornful laugh laughed he.

Colder and louder blew the wind,
A gale from the Northeast,
The snow fell hissing in the brine,
And the billows frothed like yeast.

Down came the storm, and smote amain
The vessel in its strength;
She shuddered and paused, like a freighted steed,
Then leaped her cable's length.

"Come hither! come hither! my little daughter,
And do not tremble so;
For I can weather the roughest gale
That ever wind did blow."

He wrapped her warm in his seaman's coat
Against the stinging blast;
He cut a rope from a broken spar,
And bound her to the mast.

"O father! I hear the church bells ring,
Oh, say, what may it be?"
"Tis a fog-bell on a rock bound coast!" --
And he steered for the open sea.

"O father! I hear the sound of guns;
Oh, say, what may it be?"
Some ship in distress, that cannot live
In such an angry sea!"

"O father! I see a gleaming light.
Oh say, what may it be?"
But the father answered never a word,
A frozen corpse was he.

Lashed to the helm, all stiff and stark,
With his face turned to the skies,
The lantern gleamed through the gleaming snow
On his fixed and glassy eyes.

Then the maiden clasped her hands and prayed
That saved she might be;
And she thought of Christ, who stilled the wave,
On the Lake of Galilee.

And fast through the midnight dark and drear,
Through the whistling sleet and snow,
Like a sheeted ghost, the vessel swept
Tow'rds the reef of Norman's Woe.

And ever the fitful gusts between
A sound came from the land;
It was the sound of the trampling surf,
On the rocks and hard sea-sand.

The breakers were right beneath her bows,
She drifted a dreary wreck,
And a whooping billow swept the crew
Like icicles from her deck.

She struck where the white and fleecy waves
Looked soft as carded wool,
But the cruel rocks, they gored her side
Like the horns of an angry bull.

Her rattling shrouds, all sheathed in ice,
With the masts went by the board;
Like a vessel of glass, she stove and sank,
Ho! ho! the breakers roared!

At daybreak, on the bleak sea-beach,
A fisherman stood aghast,
To see the form of a maiden fair,
Lashed close to a drifting mast.

The salt sea was frozen on her breast,
The salt tears in her eyes;
And he saw her hair, like the brown sea-weed,
On the billows fall and rise.

Such was the wreck of the Hesperus,
In the midnight and the snow!
Christ save us all from a death like this,
On the reef of Norman's Woe!

Racing Rules Seminar

**Presentation by Butch Ulmer
6 pm on February 9th hosted by Gibson
Island Yacht Squadron**



Butch Ulmer is President of UK-Halsey Sails and is an outstanding sailor and spokesman for the sport. He is past Commodore of The Storm Trysail Club, Former Trustee and Race Committee Chairman of the Larchmont YC, Senior Member of the New York YC, a member of the Cruising Club of America as well as the US Naval Academy Sailing Squadron.

Starts at 6pm for cocktails (cash bar) and light meal. Cost is \$15/person. Call the Gibson Island Club for reservations (seating limited) 410-255-1000

Dancing with the Stars 2008 *Peggy Poe*

Sailors! It's your chance to show off your dancing skills! The 2008 Commodore's Ball has arrived. Dancing with the Stars/Gibson Island Style will give each of us the chance to take the floor and dance the night away. You and your friends will enjoy delicious hors d'oeuvres and a mouth-watering buffet dinner of Carved Prime Rib, Chicken Chesapeake, and Pasta Primavera, followed by a yummy and (most likely fattening) dessert.

Then, once again, we'll be entertained by that "mirthful" Master of Ceremonies, the inimitable Harvey Paskin. Sandra has agreed to let him take the mike and promised that he will get those old jokes out of moth balls (oh no!) and probably try out some new ones on us (double oh no!!!!) Of course, we will thank and celebrate our outgoing board and introduce and install our new board. And make a few awards along the way.

And then it will be time for us to step out on the dance floor to the scintillating sounds of Adam from Starlight DJs. So, gals go shopping for that sparkly new something (or find out where you put last year's outfit - we won't remember what you wore last year!) Guys, can you still fit into that tux or dark suit? See you at the Ball!

Date: January 12, 2008

Time: 6:30 – Midnight

Place: Gibson Island Club

Cost: \$60.00 per person

RSVP to Ed Poe @ 410-296-6428

Invitations are in the mail!

Lighted Boat Parade Was Dazzling *Peggy Poe*



Roberta, Darcy and Dean Watts

The 25th Celebration of the Annapolis Lighted Boat Parade was a Dazzling Success. Sponsored by the Eastport Yacht Club, and enthusiastically cheered on and enjoyed by hundreds of spectators and party-goers, December 8th was once again a beautiful night for all who came out to participate and watch.

The MRSA bunch gathered once again at the Marriott Waterfront Hotel in Room 511 to keep warm, share some delicious treats, a glass of wine, and to debate which floating spectacle was the most lavish, most original, most beautiful and best creation. Of course, we couldn't agree. Sarah (Bill Van Wambeke's adorable 2 year old granddaughter and our youngest guest) cast her vote for the vessel decorated as "Clifford" the big

Red Dog. Others preferred the Santa sleigh. And, of course, there were votes for the perennial favorite Angel. No fist fights broke out. Holiday cheer prevailed. Fifty congenial folks stayed together until late into the evening. Some even went out to watch the fireworks that capped off the event.

Rumor has it that we're looking for a volunteer for an MRSA entry for next year. Are you up for it? See Commodore Ed Poe or Vice Commodore Toni Hughes if you would like to volunteer your boat for next year's event.

Do you want to receive The Old Man as an Electronic File rather than Through the Mail? *Annette Mullarky*

There have been a number of members having trouble getting MRSA e-mail this year. Since we want everyone to be up-to-date on all the events and news of the club, we are sending out this review of how to make sure you are signed up for our mailing lists. It should look very similar to an e-mail you got from Mike, either when you joined or when we changed to “opt-in” e-mail lists last year). If you still seem to be out of the loop after following the instructions below, just let us know at webmaster@magothysailing.com.

One of the features of MRSA’s Website (www.magothysailing.com) is the ability to opt-in to any of four different e-mail lists. There are two steps to this process.

Step 1: Register your e-mail (if you have already done this then skip to Step 2):

Go to www.magothysailing.com. On the left side of the page, click on “Membership”. This will take you to the Membership page. At the Membership page, near the bottom, is a link to “Register” with the Website. Click on “Register”, fill in the form and click “Submit”. Easy, right?

Once you register, you now have access to some options that are hidden to the general public – like mailing lists, officer’s phone numbers, the Forum (little used, but still there) and other stuff.

Step 2: Choose your e-mail preferences:

At the top right corner of most pages on the site is a “Sign In” link. Click on the “Sign In” Link, enter your e-mail address and password and Click on “Submit”.

Go to the “Membership” page, Scroll down to find the “Mailing List Subscriptions” Link close to the bottom of the page and Click on the “Mailing List Subscriptions” link. If you cannot see the “Mailing Lists Subscriptions” link, you have not signed in or you have not “Registered”. Try signing in, if you can’t sign in then you need to register, follow the instructions to STEP 1.

At the “Mailing Lists Subscriptions” Page, Click the boxes for the Mailing List you want to be on. There are four available lists, as you click on the boxes a check mark will appear, Click on as many as you would like.

Make sure you Click on the “Submit” Link to register your choices.

You can change your settings whenever you would like. Say you decide that the Cruising List isn’t something you like to be on anymore (heaven forbid). Just sign in and unsubscribe (no check-mark in the box). Should you change your e-mail address, Sign In under the Old E-Mail address, unsubscribe your choices in the “Mailing List Subscriptions”, Click “Submit”, Click “Sign Out” and follow the instructions found under “Step 1” of this sheet.

Note that although you do need to be registered, you do not need to be a member to get access to these – racing crew members are certainly welcome to subscribe to the “Racing List”, for example.

Let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you,

Mike Mullarky

webmaster@magothysailing.com

Classifieds

For Sale:

30' Beneteau.



The new boat is here, so Boreas needs a new home. She's 1985 Beneteau First 305 that is comfortable to cruise and successful on the race course. Double berth in private aft cabin, aft head, galley with ice box, large sink and propane stove/oven, nav station. Volvo 18 hp diesel, tiller steering, B&G H1000 instruments. Upgraded deck hardware and winches, hydraulic backstay adjuster. Many cruising and racing sails. Professional bottom job (2003) with 10 year transferrable warranty.

Asking \$31,000 but bring offers.
boreasmd@verizon.net or (410) 439-1556.

It Must Make Your Heart Sing, says Arthur Beiser

There are many requirements a sailboat must fulfill to be really satisfactory: it must be seaworthy, fast, easily handled, and so on. But these are the barest minima. To my mind, unless one instantly sees oneself at its helm under a blue sky with porpoises leaping alongside, it just won't do.

Boat Slip is needed:

And, we already have a potential new boat on the River for 2008 -- but they need a place to keep it. It's a J/35 (nope, not Eighth Deadly Sin, another one) that will need at least 7' of water and they'd like to be on the North side. If anyone has ideas, let me know (webmaster@magothysailing.com) and I'll pass the information along.

Miscellaneous For Sale:

Nicro Day & Night 2000 3" ventilation fan. New in box \$75
50' 30 amp shore power cord - \$50
9-pound "Hooker" anchor - \$15
Older VHF Radio-best offer
Pair of SS Dinghy Davits-\$50 OBO
Pair Dual Marine speakers-new in box-\$25
Call Rick Watts - (443) 255-6412.

For Sale: Anchor Chain/Refrigeration Plates

-Anchor chain: 250 feet 5/16" Hi-Test, each link stamped G4. Unused. \$450.
-Refrigeration cold plates, stainless steel, dual circuit, two freezer (14" X 14") and one refrigerator (16" X 15"), \$150 each or all three for \$400.
Contact Norm Poulsen at
npoulsen@cablespeed.com or (410) 437-8703.

Back in Stock – Free:

Back in Stock Quantities may be limited! 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. About 8 rolls of 50' lengths of 3" dia. hose (approx. 4.5-5" flat width) in stock, possibly more to come.

Email Mike & Annette Mullarky
atboreasmd@verizon.net to arrange pickup or possible delivery to an upcoming MRSA function.



Harvey Paskin, Rich Hughes and Bob Krapfel at the Wine and Cheese Party



Dick and Dave Kammann and Gina Kammann at the Lighted Boat Festivities



Annapolis Lighted Boat Festivities

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