



The Old Man

The Monthly Newsletter of the Magothy River Sailing Association

March 2008

Cruise Planning Party

Bob Krapfel



Commodore Ed Poe shows off the 2008 Cruising Cake

Once again thanks to the generous support of members Jim and Verna Wilson, we convened at the Belvedere Yacht Club at 6PM on February 16, 2008. Winds were light and variable.

The prospect of another “Fantastic” year of Bay cruising brought out 40+ enthusiastic cruisers who, though “Ravenous”, held pushing and shoving in the food line to a minimum. Commodore Ed Poe called the meeting to order and Vice-Commodore Toni Hughes introduced the planned 2008 Social Events calendar. Among the “Options” for this year are picnics on Cornfield Creek, the Corsica River, and the Poe’s Shore Shack for a strawberry afternoon. A motion to provide personal golf cart limo service for Fred Betz to attend these events was roundly defeated.

Next, Peggy Poe introduced new members - Ronnie Boehm Barill, who came with her mom Jen Boehm, a former member, Mary Beth and Mark Benson, and Larry and Chris Ricci (some of you saw Larry at the Race Planning Meeting) - each of whom were warmly welcomed to the MRSA family. Also welcomed were Junior Training prospects Cathy Vitali and son Mark Muckelbauer, a perspective Junior Sailor.

Lastly, and perhaps “Paradox”ically, Gabriella and Bob presented the proposed 2008 Cruising

calendar. Interest in leading cruises was whipped to a fever pitch by the innovation of designating selected destinations as tchotchke cruises. This, coupled with the general good nature and liberal libationing of MRSA members, resulted in leaders stepping forward for 10 of the 11 events. Destination details will appear shortly in the Redbook and MRSA website. Let’s make this a great cruising season with lots of participation!

With friendships renewed, and the impending stock-out of white wine, proceedings drew to a close by 8:30 and all dispersed in a merry mood. Our thanks to all who came early to help set up or stayed late to clear away the remains.

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Commodore's Comments

Ed Poe



February may be a short month, but it has been a very busy one for MRSA. Of course, each of us is at least thinking about getting our boats ready for this year's sailing season, whether we are racers, cruisers, or both. Some of us have already begun the hard work of sanding boat bottoms and starting the endless tasks on the boat do-lists that we created when the season ended last year.

The MRSA BOG (Board of Governors) has been very busy planning for the upcoming season, and the results are already evident. In this newsletter you will find photos and an article about the Race Planning Meeting that was held on February 13th. It is clear that the racers are eager to get out on the water and test their skills on the race course. We had a great turn-out to discuss this year's program, sign up for race committee duties, share pizza and a beverage, and talk racing with MRSA friends. Thanks to Race Committee Chairperson Angelo Guarino and Rear Commodore Craig Coltharp for planning a great meeting.

Others of our Wednesday night racers attended a seminar at Gibson Island on racing rules, put on by the Gibson Island Yacht Squadron and presented by Butch Ulmer of UK-Halsey Sailmakers. Reports are that the program was interesting and most people who thought they knew the rules pretty well were shocked to find they knew a lot of them wrong! The rules presentation is available on the UK-Halsey Sailmakers website.

Not to be outdone by the racers, the cruisers have also been hard at work planning a fantastic summer cruising schedule. Photos and an article about the Cruise Planning Party can also be found later in the newsletter. Thanks go to Gabriella Belli and Bob Krapfel for creating what is a terrific summer cruising plan that includes day cruises, short and long cruises and some new ideas that we think everyone in the club will enjoy. When you get the RedBook and the schedule, you will want to add as many cruises as you can to your calendar.

And speaking of The RedBook, Editor Kathy Dougan is hard at work putting the finishing touches on our 2008 yearbook. The 2008 version of The RedBook will be available at the March Brunch on Sunday, March 9th. So put the March Brunch on the calendar and call Vice Commodore Toni Hughes for reservations today.

See you at Pusser's for Brunch!

Junior Training Registration begins March 9

Rich Hughes



Registration for this year's Junior Training Camp will begin on March 9th with the publication of the 2008 Red Book. The sign-up process will begin earlier and the time to confirm enrollment to parents reduced this year to allow parents to complete summer plans sooner. As a result of this new schedule it is important that MRSA and Grachur Club members submit applications as soon as possible after March 9th. Member students will be afforded priority for camp enrollment until April 7th after which non-member children will be offered unfilled positions. To insure a position in this year's camp for club members, applications should be received by April 7th.

Only applications completed on the 2008 Junior Training Registration Form will be accepted; one student per form. The registration form will be available in the Red Book and on the website www.magothsailing.com on March 9th. The Medical Waiver and Sailing Course Release Forms (available on the MRSA Web Page, see above) must also be completed and returned with the Registration Form.

Because MRSA is a VOLUNTEER club, we rely heavily on parents for assistance in boat maintenance, daily supervision, and the graduation picnic. Parents will be expected to participate in some way in each of these activities, and are asked to indicate their availability on the Junior Training Registration Form. With this support we are able to provide an outstanding educational and fun program for our youth.

We also plan to continue the Junior Racing Program on the river after the completion of the Junior Sailing Camp, and will publicize these events in The Old Man. Junior Training is a key part of the MRSA mission and we look forward to another successful year in 2008. If there are members who would like to volunteer or assist with any of these activities, or to donate the use of a chase boat or sailing dinghy, whether you have youth in the program or not, please contact Rich Hughes, 410- 224-4155 or Joe Tierney, 410-544-1723, or by e-mail to: junior_training@magothsailing.com

Attention Racers

Angelo Guarino

MRSA has purchased robo-phone services which will allow us to blast-phone our racers with race cancellations. The system can handle approximately 50k calls/hr.. and since we're talking under 60 .. all the numbers will be called basically instantaneously and simultaneously.

If it reaches voice-mail, it will leave a voice-mail message.

If it reaches a busy signal, it will retry several more time every 5 min's.

To make this new system effective, IT WILL BE ESSENTIAL THAT EVERYONE PROVIDES THEIR CELL PHONE NUMBERS WITH THEIR RACE ENTRY.

The system allows me to upload a spreadsheet of names/phone numbers. I will take your cell-phone number from the race entries and use them as the Alert-System contact number prior to the 1st race. If

your cell number changes during the season, please be sure to send me an email so that I can keep the list updated. If you already handed me your race entry at the party, please email me your cell phone numbers.

Baltimore Lighthouse Presentation

Toni Hughes



The Baltimore Lighthouse was first lighted 1908. It is a caisson type lighthouse on the Chesapeake Bay. April 3rd at Hella's Restaurant in Millersville we will have the opportunity to learn more about the restoration and ownership of the Baltimore Lighthouse. Our speaker will discuss challenges and plans for the lighthouse.

Dinner will be \$ 28.

RSVP to Toni Hughes by March 25th email at fantasc@comcast.net or 410-224-4155

RACE PLANNING MEETING

Craig Coltharp



Fifty hungry and eager racers met at Bella Napoli Restaurant on Wednesday, February 13th to talk about the upcoming racing season, eat pizza, and tip a glass. Both seasoned racers and new sailors alike were interested in hearing what Rear Commodore Craig Coltharp and Race Committee Chairman Angelo Guarino have planned for the 2008 Racing Season.

The racing group on MRSA's board, Angie Guarino and Craig Coltharp, Mike Mullarky and Ed Poe has invested a lot of time thinking about and planning improvements for this year's racing season, to make it as enjoyable as possible for

every sailor who participates.

Among the items discussed:

PHRF Splits: This year, the spinnaker fleet will be split into 3 divisions of approximately 10 – 12 boats. The non-spin fleet will continue to have 2 divisions of approximately 8 – 10 boats. In the interest of encouraging participation, there will also be a more casual “cruising fleet” to encourage sailors to come out and share the good times in a more laid back fashion.

New PHRF Safety Requirements: <http://www.phrfchesbay.com/specregs.pdf>. Don’t forget to renew your membership! This year you will find a few new “good sense” changes in the required safety equipment for your boat.

For short races near shore or in protected waters, such as our sailing on and near the Magothy, Category 5P Special Safety Regulations apply. Most of us are probably already in compliance with most of the new requirements—but be sure, and sail safely. For racing in the main body of the Bay, 4P requirements apply.

CBYRA Weekend Races on and near the Magothy: MRSA and the other clubs on the Magothy schedule 14 weekend races that are sanctioned by CBYRA for regional high point competition. It only takes 5 races to qualify, and most are followed by a raft up social, a hearty sailors’ breakfast, an eastern shore country barbecue with bluegrass music, a western barbecue, or a great shore side party.

MRSA’s Spring Classic, on Saturday May 10th, with 2 races, counts as 2 separate sanctioned events and will be held inside the river. It will be followed by a raft up of cruisers and racers with good food and drink.

And of course, the Race Committee Schedule was available for sign-up.

As always, each crew is asked to take at least one Race Committee duty during the spring or summer or in the Fall Series.

Chesapeake Bay Yacht Club Association

By Jon Mullarky

Probably most MRSA members are not aware of our Club’s participation in the Chesapeake Bay Yacht Clubs Association (CBYCA) and are don’t know of the benefits that CBYCA membership brings to MRSA members. CBYCA is an affiliation of 129 Bay Area yacht clubs that supports recreational boating through safe boating education, legislative representation on boating issues at the local, state and national levels, and inter-club communication. CBYCA is also an advocate for environmental improvement of the Bay. CBYCA is affiliated with the National boating Federation and maintains liaison with many organizations including the United States Coast Guard.

CBYCA’s volunteer Maryland Legislative Director, Kay Brawley, is a member of the Marine Industry Economic Development Task Force and is monitoring some 20 boating related bills before this year Maryland Legislature. CBYCA maintains a close relation with Maryland’s Department of Natural Resources and was instrumental in obtaining the DNR funding made available to dredge the Kent Narrows Channel last year.

As a CBYCA member, MRSA members can avail themselves to reciprocity at other CBYCA member clubs in Maryland, Virginia, Pennsylvania and New Jersey. Many clubs offer dockage as well as lounge and dining facilities. The annual CBYCA Chartroom Chatter Roster Issue contains a listing of Association member clubs and their facilities. Copies of the publication will be available for MRSA members this spring.

For more information on CBYCA activities visit www.CBYCA.ORG or contact MRSA’s Delegate, Jon Mullarky.

Magothy River Race Entry Form

Competitor's Name : _____ Boat Name : _____
Street Address: _____ Sail Number: _____
City, State, Zip: _____ PHRF Rating: _____
Home Phone : _____ Model : _____
Work Phone : _____ E-mail Address: _____
Member club: _____ CBYRA Number: _____
US Sailing Number: _____

Select Class for Scoring for each race/series:

Series 1: Spin, Non-Spin, Cruising	Series 6: Spin, Non-Spin, Female
Series 2 Spin, Non-Spin, Cruising	Spring Classic: A, B, C/D, NS
Series 3: Spin, Non-Spin, Cruising	
Series 4: Spin, Non-Spin, Cruising	HR Frostbite: S, NS
Series 5: Spin, Non-Spin, Cruising	

This Boat conforms in every way to her Class Rules and Measurements. A current Handicap Rating is on file with PHRF of the Chesapeake and is attached hereto, or I have made specific alternate arrangements with the Race Committee Chair.

I agree to adhere to high standards of good sportsmanship and to abide by the regulations and sailing instructions for these events. In consideration of being permitted to enter these events, being knowledgeable of the risks of competitive sailing and knowing that it is my sole responsibility to decide whether to enter or to continue any race, I voluntarily assume the risk of participation in this event and release the Host Clubs MRSA, GIYS, PSA and YCCSC and the people conducting the event from all liability in connection with any injury or damage that may occur.

I agree to make my crew and myself available for training and, when called upon, to perform Race Committee duty.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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& Hallie Rice Fall Series**

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2008 Meeting Schedule

March 9 - March Brunch - Pusser's Restaurant

March 9 - Junior Training Registration Begins

April 3 - Baltimore Lighthouse - Hella's Restaurant

Bad cooking is responsible for more trouble at sea than all other things put together.

- Thomas Fleming Day

CRUNCHY COLESLAW

DRESSING:

½ cup vegetable oil

¼ - ½ cup sugar

¼ cup vinegar

2 Tbls. soy sauce

A little of the flavor packet (optional) Mix this together and refrigerate.

SLAW:

5 scallions, chopped

1 bag shredded green cabbage with carrots

1 bag shredded red cabbage Toss together and set aside

CRUNCHIES:

¼ cup butter, melted in pan

¾ cup slivered almonds

1 package Oriental Ramen noodles, crush small & do not include flavor packet Brown these and add dried cranberries to taste.

Mix all parts together when ready to serve.

Race Planning Pictures



The pizza must have been tasty at Bella Napoli (Norm Poulsen chows down)



Tom Price, Drew Dowling and Friends



Warren Richter, Randy Richter and Rear Commodore Craig Coltharp

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