



# The Old Man

The Monthly Newsletter of the Magothy River Sailing Association

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## SKIPPER and CREW PARTY

*Craig Coltharp*



Pat Healey

We had a great Skipper and Crew party on Wednesday March 19th. Forty two sailors from all the Magothy River clubs gathered at the Belvedere Yacht Club. The evening started with a delicious lasagna dinner. After eating as much as we could, Ed Poe opened the meeting by discussing the racing and emphasizing the high caliber of racers we have on the Magothy, the CBYRA high point awards, and our MRSA Spring Classic Races.

The Spring Classic is an opportunity to get two of the five minimum races needed to qualify for high point. Last year the

person with the best high point score did not have enough regions 2 races to qualify. The Spring Classic is held on Saturday May 10th and is sailed in the Magothy River using the same buoys we race around on Wednesday nights. All those who have paid for the Wednesday series have also paid for the Spring Classic, so please come out. There will be a fun party afterwards as well.

Ed also mentioned we have started a crew bulletin board. This works by using the MRSA website classified ads. If you are a crew or you are in need of a crew, put in a classified ad to the web master at [webmaster@magothysailing.com](mailto:webmaster@magothysailing.com). We currently have three crew looking for boats to sail on.

Moving onto the main event, Ed introduced Pat Healy. Pat was an Olympic coach for the Canadian Sailing team for many years and currently gives training seminars and works for Commander's Weather. Pat gave an excellent presentation on the winds that sailors race in. He described the forces that cause global winds and went into detail describing weather systems, their characteristics, and how to recognize and anticipate changes. Those racers who participated certainly ended the evening believing they now have an advantage over the rest of the fleet. Pat has a website which includes weather and current forecasts. His address is <http://pathealy.com/>

It was a great evening for shore bound racers and many, many thanks to Ed Poe for setting up the party, making all the arrangements, and helping us to have a more enjoyable racing season. Also thanks to the Belvedere Yacht Club and Jim Wilson for letting us use their facility. Finally thanks to Pat Healy for his expertise and willingness to present to us.

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## Commodore's Comments

*Ed Poe*



Waxing the sides of Ravenous' hull, I have lots of time to think about MRSA. We have so many terrific plans for the spring and summer months. And we have an energetic group of officers with many good ideas to make these traditional events even more fun, interesting, and competitive (if you are racing) than ever before.

As night falls at the marina, and the die-hard boat owners straggle home with aching muscles after finishing up this day's items from the never-ending list of spring projects, I also recognize the potential of marinas and boat yards as a wonderful place to find new members for MRSA. When you take a break from YOUR long list of pre-launch tasks, take a moment and chat with the other folks working on their boats. If they aren't already our members, invite them to our next event, maybe the Sock Burning Party in Broad Creek (see the information in the newsletter) and invite them to join MRSA.

I'd like to give Kudos to Kathy Dougan, the Redbook editor, who has just completed putting together and distributing our 2008 RedBook. I know you will join me in thanking her for the terrific job she did! You should receive your Redbook soon.

April marks the beginning of exciting things for our club. Racing season starts on April 23rd. Rear Commodore Craig Coltharp and Race Committee Chairman Angelo Guarino along with their committee chairmen are getting ready for a busy season of racing, both Wednesday evening and weekends.

For families with kids...don't forget to get your Junior Sailing Camp applications for your kids and grandkids in quickly. Camp is already beginning to fill up!

And mark your calendars for Saturday afternoon, April 26th for our annual Sock Burning Party with S'mores again on Loopers' Beach in Broad Creek. Kids of all ages have a great time roasting hotdogs and marshmallows, making and eating "S'mores." If the afternoon is warm they may even wade in the creek. Come by land or by sea. Have a great time!

Ed

# SOCKBURNING CRUISE

*Sheryl McNair*



Join us and remember those days!

It's spring, and that means that summer isn't far behind. We've had many warm days this winter, and very little snow, so hopefully we'll have excellent weather and we can safely shed our socks at the annual Shakedown/Sock burning Cruise April 26th on the Magothy's Broad Creek. This is the first MRSA cruise of the year, and you may come by boat or land, bring guests, your socks to burn, a hors d'oeuvres to share, and your own drink/s. Makings for S'mores will be provided, but you have to gather your own sticks to roast the marshmallows.

All members are encouraged to attend. The location is nearby, this is an excellent chance to make sure your boat is ready for the season, and, if it's not, you can still use your land-boat. The fun will start at 4:30 p.m. To help you recognize the location, and to burn the socks, there will be a bonfire on the Looper Beach, located on the western shore of Broad Creek, past the numerous piers. If you can't see the bonfire, note the MRSA cruising flag on the pier, and the small, roofed pavilion on the beach, just prior to an uninhabited area. In the past, some boaters have not paid strict attention to their charts, and have run aground by the "Glass House" or on the shoal that protrudes from the western shore. This IS a cruise, so feel free to stay overnight if the weather is amenable—and your boat's ready for it.

If you have to resort to sailing your "land-boat", use the following directions. Go east on Route 100 towards Gibson Island, until it merges with Mountain Road, Route 177. Turn right on North Shore, (past the fire station on the left and elementary school on right) and stay straight on Eagle Hill where North Shore bends to the left. Immediately after reaching the top of the hill, look for the first chance to turn left. There will be a placard posted with MRSA on it. If you are coming this way, drive a car that can handle rough roads, or you may wish to park before you come down through the woods, and walk down.

Feel free to bring Frisbees, balls, kites for any accompanying children, and/or sand buckets & shovels. The water may be cold, but if it's a warm enough day, maybe some will brave the cold and go for a swim. The water there is shallow, with a sandy beach.

Please call Sheryl or Wes McNair at 410-437-8998 or email [sammcnair@yahoo.com](mailto:sammcnair@yahoo.com) or [mcnair4@comcast.net](mailto:mcnair4@comcast.net) for further information. While reservations aren't necessary, it will help us plan if we know who's coming, and notify people if inclement weather necessitates change.

# Robins, Daffodils, and New Members!

*Peggy Poe*

What comes out in the spring? One thing on which we can always depend when spring rolls around, is that people will begin to think about sailing again. Some people think about joining a great group that likes to race or cruise. Some want to join MRSA because of our terrific Junior Sailing program. Whatever the reason, we're glad to welcome our newest members!

Ronnie and Pete Barrill live in Severna Park and sail on a 33 foot Choey Lee. Ronnie is the daughter of our friend and past member Jen Boehm. Ronnie and Jen made it to the Cruise planning party as well as the Brunch. Ronnie and Pete are looking forward to cruising.

MaryBeth and Mark Benson live in Pasadena and have three active boys. Mark grew up sailing, and the family is interested in our Junior Sailing program. Also interested in Junior Sailing is the Thomas family. Valerie and Frank Thomas, of Severna Park, were voted in as members in March as well. Their daughter Madison has completed Junior Training, and son Keaton is interested in participating this year. Cathy Vitale and Mark Muckelbauer live in Severna Park and have one son, Mark Jr. who participated in Junior Sailing last year. Cathy herself participated in Junior Sailing when Joe Jackins was Commodore.

Larry and Christine Ricci live in Ellicott City and keep their C&C 27 at Magothy Marina. Larry attended the Race Planning Meeting, and then both Larry and Christine attended the Cruise Planning meeting. That's jumping into our activities!

Andrea Gillespie and Rich Wagner, from Monkton, MD, moor Persistence, a Tartan 30 in Black Hole Creek. Enjoying racing and cruising, these two sailors can account for well over 25 years on the water. They are looking forward to cruising with MRSA.

Please welcome these new members into MRSA!

## 2008 Cruising Schedule

Sock Burning and Smores	<a href="#">Broad Creek on the Magothy</a>	April 26-27	Sheryl & Wes McNair
	<a href="#">Blue Angels Show</a>	May 20	Ed Poe
Memorial Day Cruise	<a href="#">Wye River</a>	May 24-26	Toni & Rich Hughes
Cruise to Doug's	<a href="#">Langford Creek on the Chester</a>	June 7-8	Fred Betz
Rhode River Cruise	<a href="#">Rhode River</a>	June 21-22	Gabriella Belli & Bob Krapfel
Long Island Cruise	<a href="#">Long Island</a>	June 28-July 18	Walt Burmeister

## Crew Wanted

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Wednesday Night racing, spinnaker. The boat  
Endless Summer

The "Official" Endless Summer Web Site!  
<http://216.197.102.95/endlesssummer> write  
[SailingDr@aol.com](mailto:SailingDr@aol.com) if you are interested.

With the smallest rig you will get just as much fun  
as with the most expensive.

- Edwin W. Kendrick

## Crew Available

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Lifelong sailor interested in racing. Available  
Wednesday evenings and occasional weekends. I live  
in Severna Park near the Magothy Marina. You can  
reach me at home or via e-mail. Susan Veccia: (410)  
777-5428 or [sveccia@verizon.net](mailto:sveccia@verizon.net)

### Crew Available

Experienced cruiser looking to gain racing/crew  
experience. Call Richard Paden at (443) 315-7000.

### Crew Available

Experienced MRSA, Chesapeake Bay, and Atlantic  
Ocean racer (former skipper) available for most  
weekend Bay and Bermuda races. I currently have a  
berth for Wednesday evening races on the Magothy  
River. Contact John Hubbs at [johubbs@comcast.net](mailto:johubbs@comcast.net)

### TUNING UP

When making adjustments to a boat – the rig, the  
ballast, whatever – that will affect performance,  
make only one adjustment at a time. Assess the  
consequences of the adjustment before going on to  
the next.

No matter how fetching the theoretical arguments in  
favor of a gadgetry rig may be, the fact is that a  
complicated and highly mechanized sailing rig is  
inherently dangerous in heavy weather.

- Howard I. Chapelle

## 2008 Race Committee Schedule

Event	Day	Date	Boat	Skipper
Wed Evening Series 1 R 1	Wednesday	April 23	Ingenuity	Joe Lombardo
Wed Evening Series 1 R 2	Wednesday	April 30		
Wed Evening Series 1 R 3	Wednesday	May 7	Hush Puppy	Scott Mucci
Spring Classic	Saturday	May 10		
Wed Evening Series 1 R 4	Wednesday	May 14	Pressure Drop	R. Richer
Wed Evening Series 2 R 1	Wednesday	May 21	Heyday	Shepherd Drain
Wed Evening Series 2 R 2	Wednesday	May 28	Wabbit	R. Reitan

## Race Planning Pictures



Jim Wilson



Janet Richter, Matt Airola, Susan Veccia, Brian Hoffman

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