



The Old Man

The Monthly Newsletter of the Magothy River Sailing Association

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SPRING SOCKBURNER

Sheryl McNair



Matt, Danny, Kimberly and Jessica Stringer

We Ahh, the smoldering odor of burnt socks! Accompanied by hot and gooey marshmallows, and made-to-order pumpkin pies. Does this sound like a familiar cruise? If so, you must have made your way to Broad Creek April 26th, to partake of sun, breezes, bonfire, and all the rest of a good MRSA cruise.

The weatherman had been promising rain all week, but we asked the Dorf's to do a "sundance". Apparently they did, because the sun was shining, the temperature was warm enough that most people didn't even wear their socks—and that was before the ritual sock burning.

There was food galore, including some of the standards, like Walt Burmeister's crab balls, and Mike Mullarky's famous chocolate chip cookies. We missed Burry and Wendy's sausages, though—I guess the trip from New York was a little long for them.

Most of the party drove their "land yachts". After this many years (I don't know how many, can't count that high), everyone seems to be able to find Beverly Looper's beach on Broad Creek, and no one (that I know of) got lost or ran aground. The attendance count was right around 40, and there were 6 boats participating. Merlin was first on the scene, followed by John Lund in his whaler, Walt Burmeister on Iris, Rick Watts on his waverunner, Fred and Sue Betz on Dulcinea, and Christian Kemp took his kayak out for a tour of the creek. By the time the kayak went out, the sun had dropped behind Eagle Hill, and, despite the roaring fire, the air had gotten chilly, so I don't know how Christian kept from freezing—perhaps that's why he had the well-baked sweet potato when he came back. It was good and black on the outside, but there was some orange pulp on the inside, so he must have known what he was doing.

Alright, we'll confess. Although Merlin is in the water, and de-winterized, we DID use only the iron genny for the short trek from Black Hole to Broad Creek. So, I'm glad we're not held to the "S" in MRSA for all our cruises!

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Commodore's Comments

Ed Poe



It's May, and MRSA folks are really jumping into everything with enthusiasm. But we need all of you who haven't come out to join in as well. The Sockburning and S'mores Party was lots of fun with perfect weather. The rain held off until late in the evening, and some hardy kids were wading before toasting marshmallows over those burning socks, I mean embers!

As I write this, the racers have already enjoyed two beautiful Wednesday evening races, and are looking forward to a great summer of racing, and in particular the Spring Classic on Saturday, May 10th.

We have already greeted May with a terrific Cinco de Mayo party hosted by Fred and Sue Betz (more about that in this newsletter.) It's important to note that Olympic judges, observing on the Betz deck, awarded the McNairs a 9.2 score out of a possible 10 for docking at the Betz pier. A pretty good score for this early in the season!

May is just beginning and there is so much more ahead for MRSA. May 20th is the quick trip to the Severn to see the Blue Angels. And what could be more exciting than our first big cruising weekend to the Wye River. Be sure to check out the article on our Memorial Day Cruise in the following pages, or check the website to see what Rich and Toni Hughes are cooking up.

See you on the water!

Sbery/ McNair



So much for winter!

Commodore Ed Poe introduced new members Tom and Sally Stringer, and their family, other guests, and told us about upcoming events. This was preparatory to the massive incineration of MRSA members' socks—Ed kindly waited until after most of the 'smores, et al had been roasted.

We are most grateful to Beverly Looper, and her son, Eddie, for allowing us to use their property and providing docking (and even mooring) privileges.

Thomas Point Lighthouse

Peggy Poe

Now that we have enjoyed a great photo tour presentation about the restoration of Baltimore Light, MRSA members may be interested also in what is going on at Thomas Point Light. The lighthouse, a National Historic Landmark, is the last screwpile lighthouse left in its original location, one-and-a-half miles offshore in the Chesapeake Bay at the mouth of the South River. Built in 1875, Thomas Point Light is in surprisingly good shape. Over the past three years Lighthouse Society and Annapolis Maritime Museum volunteers have been working to restore the lighthouse and to make it safe for visitors. Tours are available throughout the summer months, two weekends per month, generally 2nd and 4th weekends in each month. The tours last approximately 2 hours and begin in Eastport at 9, noon, and 3. Each tour begins at the



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Annapolis Maritime Museum at the southeast end of 2nd Street with a 30 minute historical presentation, orientation, and safety briefing. From there, the maximum of 18 visitors proceed by boat to the Lighthouse at the junction near the mouths of the Severn and South Rivers. (The boat is run by a full-time professional tour boat operator.) A minimum of one hour is spent on the lighthouse with 4 docents. Generally, two of the docents are very experienced, one is in training, and the 4th acts as safety observer. Docents provide information on the lighthouse, the ongoing restoration progress, and answer any questions posed. In order to reserve a tour date and time, call 1-800-690-5080.

Ralph Reitan, Past Commodore of the Yacht Club of Cape St. Clair

Peggy Poe

On Wednesday evening, May 21st, Ralph Reitan, fell overboard from his boat, "Wabbit", a Tartan 10, after completing a difficult windward leg of the race in squall conditions, apparent winds gusting to approximately 30 kts. Ralph was an experienced skipper and a past Commodore of the Yacht Club of Cape St. Clair, although this was the first race of the season for him and his crew. A following racing boat, C&C 39 "Beagle", skippered by Dr. Colin McKenzie, witnessed him falling overboard, was able to throw him a life ring and line which Ralph initially was able to grab. Eventually the skipper and crew of Beagle were able to pull him into their boat in very challenging conditions, and started CPR when it was found that Ralph was in cardiac arrest. Paramedics were called, met McKenzie's "Beagle" at the Ulmstead marina, and took Ralph to Anne Arundel Medical Center. News reports said that he arrived in critical condition, but he died later during the night.



We are all stunned and feel a strong sense of loss. Ralph has been a steady and very able competitor for many years on the Magothy and we will all feel the loss of his presence on and off the water. The purple hull of "Wabbit" as a fixture on the river with Ralph aboard will be missed. We extend our deep regrets and condolences to the Reitan family and their many friends and acquaintances. We will reflect on our own safety procedures, do our best to learn from this tragic event, and do our best to make our sailing better and safer in honor of Ralph and his family and crew.

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An Armchair Sailor

Burry Vanderveer

A Book Review – The Long Way, Bernard Moitessier (translated by William Rodarmor)

So now that winter (sort of) is leaving us but boat works have yet to begin in earnest I have found a few moments to read. Having read a few books now on the subject of around the globe alone I decided to explore the journey of a renowned sailor and so read *The Long Way*, by Bernard Moitessier. This soft cover nonfiction book is a chronicle of Moitessier's epic round the world (1.5X) alone, nonstop voyage. Fortunately the Sheridan House printing (1995) is in English as my command of "la langue Francais" est un pue faible maintenant.

The Long Way is written in the first person and he jumps in very quickly with the preparations of Joshua (his 46' LOA staysail ketch). Interestingly he spends more time describing his friend who is helping him prepare than his family. This is partially because the book starts with him already in Britain, well into preparations for the challenge, but also I think it forebodes some of his guilt in leaving his family for so long, which reappears later in the book. It appears that his decision to enter the Globe challenge was not a long decision process and was done relatively on short notice, but regrettably don't get a lot of insight into that, but as we learn more about the man can see how this decision happened. We also, early on, see the first views of the borderline contempt for modern society and start to get to know him better.

Overall the book is organized chronologically following his tract around the world. However, it does not read like this at all. Each chapter the reader is offered a long look into Bernard's soul and heart. As we sail along with him through the southern oceans we see what becomes important to him and how he is handling the long time alone at sea. His few encounters with other ships and humans are amazing and a quite enlightening look. The decision process is interesting to follow, as he trades off concern for his family and the safety of his boat. The really exciting part comes mid ocean in the southern Atlantic where he goes through the agonizing choice of continuing north to the finish, or abandoning the Globe Round the World Alone Challenge and heading on to the South Pacific. Obviously he finally decides to thumb his nose at the challenge, but the reading entertainment is trying to extract his reasoning and thought processes over his many days in the southern Atlantic.

When Bernard finally arrives at his ultimate destination it becomes almost anti climatic, especially when we find what he is witnessing in his once beloved tropical region. We really now get a confirmed glimpse at his distaste for western society and the direction he feels it is heading. There is no doubt that even back then he felt that man has abandoned the earth and environmental stewardship was at that time dead. Interestingly, here we are in the first decade of 2000 and it appears his thoughts rang true.

I felt this was a great book, well written by someone who was probably a bit ahead of his time. It is regrettable he was a border line hermit as I think if he would have carried on and won the Globe Challenge his voice on earth and nature might have had some difference, or perhaps that's just an optimist talking. Overall, a great read, it so interesting to get into a great sailor's mind and soul as well as look at many fine sailing lessons offered as well. This is a good read for sailors for sure, but many none sailors would find this quite entertaining as well as it delves into issues of humanity, society and human endurance.

September Cruise

John and Debbie Lund

Min Van IV is planning a week's cruise from September 6 to September 14. The days should be cooler and the fall winds should start blowing. At this point, we do not have an itinerary. If anyone wants to join us, please call us at 410-544-2551 or e-mail us at dlund8@yahoo.com.

Cinco de Mayo Party

Fred Betz



Holy Guacamole! What a Party!! (and “Never Trust the Weatherman!!!) As Saturday May 3rd approached, all the weathermen and weatherwomen changed their tunes from storms and rain to sunny becoming cloudy. Of course the fact that Senor Betz did an “UN-rain” dance was the most help. And the weather turned out quite beautiful and comfortable.

At 16:00 hrs, the intrepid members of MRSA started arriving at Casa Betz, some by sea and most by land. The pier looked extremely well with the Hughes’ Fantastic in a slip, Bonham’s Powerboat in the other and McNair’s Merlin at the head of the pier. In all, approximately 55 folks arrived to partake of the margaritas, sangria, cervesa, gringo beer, soda and water, with delicious appetizers and desserts contributed by the guests. Finally..... after over an hour of unexpected anticipation, the delivery from Diego’s Mexican Restaurant arrived!

And coincidentally, the Kentucky Derby interrupted to attract the eyes and hearts of those dedicated sport fans on the big screen that found a horse race more attractive than food! They soon got over it and headed to the table.

It was worth the wait... Platters of shredded beef and chicken enchiladas, Mexican rice and refried beans were offered and consumed. It must have been good, because little was left except lots of rice and beans. On to the desserts, and arriving just in time one of our token Latino’s [by marriage], Dee Torres with GENUINE Flan. All of which disappeared in a few microseconds after it was skillfully turned over from the pan to the platter and displayed on the table!

Casa Betz’ remodeled deck had been completed only Friday the day prior to the Party, and was adequately baptized. Folks were sitting at tables on and under the deck, on the stairs, and through la casa. Only Kent Shaffer was complaining that the margaritas ran out!! [As did the cervesa!!..... almost 1/3rd more people came than expected.]

Lots of folks helped clean up the tables and dishes, and about dark, all were gone..... except Fantastic. Rich and Toni Hughes listened to the lying weatherman who promised 10 to 20 out of the North on Sunday, so they spent the night at the pier. Of course, the wind made it to about 6 with gusts of 7 Sunday, so the iron jib did much of the work getting back to the South River. But the weather WAS still beautiful!

Guacamole el Bonhamito

Laura Bonham

Ingredients:

- 2 ripe avocados, darker skin, slightly compressible
- 6 Tbsp chopped red onion
- 2 Tbsp chopped seeded jalapeño chile (2,3-4 inch peppers)
- 2 tsp chopped cilantro or more to taste
- 2 Tbsp chopped tomato (discard juice & seeds), plum tomatoes work well
- Juice of 2 fresh limes
- 4-6 cloves of fresh garlic, fine chop
- Salt
- Fresh ground pepper

METHOD:

1. Squeeze limes, setting juice aside.
2. Fine chop all ingredients except avocado in bowl. Wash hands after peppers.
3. Prep avocado by slicing in half, discarding seed. Make diagonal criss crosses in avocado meat within the shell. Spoon out leaving it in chunks into bowl above. Spoon out any remaining paste and add to bowl.
4. Pour the lime juice over the avocado meat to keep from turning black.
5. Combine all ingredients by folding gently.

May be served in the empty avocado shells individually or in chip/dip bowl with corn chips; if storing in refrigerator, directly cover mixture with a piece of cellophane wrap to help retain color.

Enjoy!

Memorial Day Cruise to the Granery Creek on the Wye River

Rich Hughes

The destination for the Memorial Day Cruise was Granery Creek on the Wye River and again joined the Eastport Yacht Club and the Chesapeake Bristol Club for the Cut-Throat, Competitive Olympic Games at the Wye River DNR Lodge and Grounds. This was the fourth year that we have been invited to join these two clubs for this fun event. According to previous year's attendees, it has always been a great success. The events were held on Sunday and included dingy races in the morning, the funny Olympics in the afternoon, followed by the awards ceremony and dinner.

On Saturday evening, there were grills and picnic tables available for anyone who would like to barbeque ashore and socialize with members of the three clubs. It is "Bring your own everything including charcoal and starter". This year MRSA sponsored two events for the weekend. The first event was a judging of a scavenger hunt type event for the best equipped boat. The second event was part of the silly Olympic Games.

The grounds were a perfect setting for the event with open grounds for the events, walking trails for those who wanted to shake out the kinks for the sail on Saturday and a covered pavilion for the dinner and evening entertainment. Granery Creek is a well protected creek located just beyond Shaw Bay and Dividing Creek as you go up the East Branch of the Wye River.

The dinner was again an awesome Barbeque Chicken dinner and Potluck. The cost of the dinner was \$20.00 per person. Bottled water was be provided throughout the day.

The highlight of the weekend is the silly Olympic events. There will be about 4- 6 events and each participating team will be comprised of four athletes? As in the past, each club will help with the management of the events by supervising one of the events for about an hour. When you are not supervising an event, you should participate as a competitor.

Plan to come by boat but if it is too far for a sail, then it is easily reached by car. Directions by land and sea will be available on the MRSA Website. See you at Granery Creek on Memorial Day Weekend. Cruise Leaders: Rich and Toni Hughes. Please keep in mind that no pets are permitted on the park grounds.

If You Don't Want to Clean Your Boat, Travel

Harvey & Sandra Paskin

Sandra and I have been trying to “get out of Dodge” each winter to avoid the cold and snow, and each year our outings extend further and further into the spring. This year we went to Turkey for 25 days with the Overseas Adventure Tour of the Grand Circle travel company. Ed Poe was absolutely right! Turkey is an unbelievable country with varied landscape, cultures, and thousands of years of history and archeological sites. We had a fantastic time!

We started in the middle of the country at Adana, and travelled east to the city of Urfa, near the Syrian border, visiting ancient Roman and Christian landmarks. We then headed north to see the Ataturk Dam across the Euphrates River, and some astounding

statues atop Mount Nemrut, 6,500 feet above sea level. King Antiochus I had them built to immortalize himself beside the gods. We then flew to Istanbul and visited all the “must see” attractions. These included the Sultan Ahmet Camisi (Blue Mosque), the Hagia Sophia, and a cruise on the Bosphorus. A city of 13 million, Istanbul has both old and modern sections which attract thousands of tourists and business people every week.



Gulet at Anchor



Cappadocia Landscape

We probably got in our earliest cruise of the season aboard an 85 foot Turkish gulet style teak and oak yacht with a captain, crew and unbelievable cook. We cruised the Mediterranean for four days, putting in at secluded harbors and hiking across the hilly countryside. From the Med, we travelled north and east, staying in a farmer's village home for one night, and ending up in the Cappadocia region of central Turkey. The landscape in this area was formed millions of years ago by volcanic eruptions of both soft and hard effluents which have been eroded over the years by the weather. We took an hour long hot air balloon ride over the region, which provided incredible vistas. After 3 days in this region, we headed back to Istanbul for another 2 days in this

magnificent city before heading home.

We can heartily recommend Turkey as a destination for any of you who like foreign travel. We have been to Italy and South America, but the Turkey trip has been the best. We can rant some more and show pictures on the cruises this year. Just one or two photos to whet your appetites. Black and white do not do them justice.

MRSA Picnic and Strawberry Social

Friday, June 6th at 6:30 pm

At the Home of Peggy and Ed Poe, 438 Shady Lane, Pasadena, 21122 on Black Hole Creek. MRSA will provide hot dogs and burgers, strawberries and ice cream, and plenty of beverages.

You don't want to miss this annual event, to be held this year at the Commodore's Black Hole Creek home. Come by land or come by water, but be sure to come. If you will be coming by water, let us know and we will let you know where to tie up or anchor. There will be launch service in to the party.

This is a fun party for all ages. There is a beach for wading or swimming for the young and young at heart. There are kayaks for paddling.

If your name begins with A through L, bring a salad or side dish. If your name begins with M through Z, please bring an appetizer. (Some Ms bring cookies – Mullarky's!) Our dessert will be strawberries and ice cream (and maybe some chocolate sauce for our non-strawberry eaters!)

Please call 410-296-6428 or email to peggypoe@aol.com by June 3rd to let us know you will be coming.

Cruise to Doug's, June 7 and 8

Fred Betz

Time for a perfect Spring Cruise.... Across the Bay, around Love Point, follow the Chester south, east and then north, and head northeast into Langford Creek.

"Doug's" is at Eagle Point on the west bank of the west fork of Langford Creek with his dock on a plumb line NW of Cacaway Island. (N 39 degrees 7.9 minutes, W 76 degrees 10.5 minutes) It is a lovely venue, with a great anchorage in the cove just south of Eagle Point. At the pier is Doug's 52' Matthews, "Francina", and also there will be Roger and Robbin Seal's 49' Albin, "Sea Robbin". The Seal's were long time members of the MRSA and Roger is one of the numerous Past Commodores.

Tender service will be available for those without means to come ashore, and on shore is where the action will be. "Doug's" place is a vast green lawn fronting the Creek, and features his home has a neat screened porch, outdoor tables and chairs, and grills for preparing the evening meal. Please bring the usual wonderful MRSA appetizers to share in the late afternoon, your own beverages, and a grill-able dinner if you so choose. (For those who have been to Doug's before, the swimming pool is out of commission, having popped partly out of the ground with the recent heavy rains! Sorry.)

Your host, Doug Price, will welcome you and probably harass you a bit... if you are a friend. Roger and Robbin will renew old friendships and likely make a few new ones. George and Carolyn Stamps are the Cruise Leaders, standing in for Fred and Sue Betz, who only wish they had clones to be in two places at once! So for a great Spring weekend. Cruise to Doug's! It is an MRSA tradition. If you haven't been there, you will have missed a special treat!

July 4th Cruise

John and Debbie Lund

Min Van IV is leading a short cruise around the July 4th Holiday. On Friday, July 4th, we will be in Waterhole Cove in Harris Creek. Easton is having fireworks that night-I'm not sure they are visible from Harris Creek. St. Michaels is having a Big Band Night and Fireworks on Saturday evening, July 5th. We will be going in the "back door" via San Domingo Creek off Broad Creek. If anyone wants to join us, please call us at 410-544-2551 or e-mail us at dlund8@yahoo.com.

2008 Cruising Schedule

Event	Location	Dates	Cruise Leader
Cruise to Doug's	Langford Creek on the Chester	June 7-8	Fred Betz
	Rhode River	June 21-22	Gabriella Belli & Bob Krapfel
Long Island Cruise	Long Island	June 28-July 18	Walt Burmeister
Fourth of July	Choptank River	July 4-6	Debbie & John Lund
	Southern Bay Cruise	July 4-20	Sue & Al Kirkendall
Dog Day Afternoon	Eagle Cove	July 19	Ed Poe
Corsica River	Race/Cruise	July 26-27	Marianne & Dick Kammann
	Worton Creek	August 9-10	Diane & Joe Jackins
August Picnic	Cornfield Creek on the Magothy	August 16	Sigrid & Myron Dorf
Labor Day Cruise	Gray's Inn Creek on the Chester	Aug 30-Sept 1	Sue & Al Kirkendall

2008 Race Committee Schedule

Event	Day	Date	Boat	Skipper
Wed Evening Series 2 R 3	Wed	Jun-4	Great Escape	Jim McCutchen
Wed Evening Series 2 R 4 – Raft-Up	Wed	Jun-11	Away We Go	Bob Seay
Sail for Kids Race to Baltimore	Sat	Jul-12	Nightingale	Bill & Geoff Schneider
Wed Evening Series 3 R 1	Wed	Jun-18	Jeopardy	Peter Swartz
Wed Evening Series 3 R 2	Wed	Jun-25	Vagabond	Jack Lusby
Wed Evening Series 3 R 3	Wed	Jul-2	Ole Yella	Jim Gary
Wed Evening Series 3 R 4	Wed	Jul-9	Beaujolais	Jeff Poehler
Wed Evening Series 4 R 1	Wed	Jul-16	Incommunicato	Ed Tracey
Wed Evening Series 4 R 2	Wed	Jul-23	Beagle	McKenzie, Colin
Corsica River Race (start only)	Sat	Jul-26	Encounter	Drew Dowling
Corsica River Race Back (finish only)	Sun	Jul-27	Boondoggle	Gene McCollum
Wed Evening Series 4 R 3	Wed	Jul-30	La Peri	Adler, Bill
Wed Evening Series 4 R 4 – Raft Up	Wed	Aug-6	Ultra Violet	Dave Prucnal
Wed Evening Series 5 R 1	Wed	Aug-13	Sea-Cured	Manuzak, Michael

For Sale

30' BENETEAU



The new boat is here, so Boreas needs a new home. She's a 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.

OUTBOARD

Almost new 4hp 4 stroke Tohatsu, only a few hours use on a sailboat, 2007 long shaft, f-n-r, internal tank and connection for external tank, Stored indoors in the off season. Located in Severna Park - \$800. Contact Steve at (410) 647-2231 home or (301) 728-6798 cell

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

- Edwin W. Kendrick

Crew Wanted / Available

CREW WANTED

'Rebecca' - Bill & Carolyn Paul's successful Pearson 30 has exhausted it's 25 year crew. Need fresh young Blood, aggressive, fore deck, End for End Jibs in 20+ Knots, Massive Chutes. Top Gear, sail with Senior skipper. Berths available. Dinner/refreshments each week. Call me at (443) 562-7330 (cell) Captain Billy

CREW WANTED

Crew needed for Spring Classic Race May 10th on "Boondoggle", a C&C 110 and maybe Wednesday nights. Please call (410) 987-2066 or email kathyandgene@verizon.net

CREW WANTED

For Wednesday Night racing, spinnaker. The boat Endless Summer.



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

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.

Spring Classic



Memorial Day



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