



# The Old Man

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## Calendar of Upcoming Events

**October 2:** General Membership Meeting, Brian Boru, Severna Park, 6:30  
**October 4-5:** Mill Creek Caper, and Naval Academy Nature Center  
**October 5:** Beginning of Hallie Rice Fall Series, Race 1  
**October 12:** Hallie Rice Fall Race Series, Race 2  
**October 15:** End of Season Trophy Party, Gibson Island Boat House, 6:00  
- Please see reservation information under **Racing Notes**  
**October 16:** Photo Op at Chesapeake Great Schooner Race Start  
**October 18-19:** Goose Cruise  
**October 19:** Hallie Rice Fall Race Series, Race 3  
**November 1:** Membership Meeting, Windows on the Bay, 6:30  
**November 1-2:** Frostbite Cruise  
**December 11:** Membership Meeting and Election of Officers,  
- with Wine and Cheese Party Belvedere Yacht Club, 6:15  
**January 10, 2009:** Commodore's Ball, **NEW LOCATION:** Doubletree Hotel in Annapolis



## Commodore's Comments



*By Ed Poe, Commodore*

The shortening days and the end of our Wednesday night racing have alerted me to the end of summer. I'll miss the fun of summer, but we should enjoy everything that is **OCTOBER**.

### **What's good about October?**

Some of the best sailing of the year happens in October. The breezes are fresh and the skies are blue and clear. And best of all, there are beautiful warm days without humidity. As the days move toward the end of the month, the view as you sail is a breathtaking palette of reds, golds and oranges.

### **What's good about October?**

The Boat Show in Annapolis happens in October. Sailors from all over the world converge on our little corner of the world for this happening. Dreaming about a new boat, needing a new gadget, or wondering how to make a repair? This is the place to be in October.

### **What's good about October?**

The MRSA Trophy Party happens in October. After 24 weeks of Wednesday night racing and a number of weekend races as well, this is the culmination of the spring and summer series. We recognize all the winners and participants as well as the folks that helped to make the season happen.

### **What's good about October?**

Racing isn't over because the Hallie Rice Fall Series starts in October and continues into November.

### **What's good about October?**

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The cruisers keep on cruising in October. There is nothing nicer than a beautiful cruise and a crisp evening raft-up with the MRSA gang in October. There is a Cruise to Mill Creek on October 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> and the famous Goose Cruise to the Corsica River on the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>.

**What's good about October?**

The Schooners race from Baltimore to Virginia every year in October. This year the start is on Thursday, October 16<sup>th</sup> right below the Bay Bridge. It's a beautiful sight to see.

**What's good about October?**

Getting together with your MRSA friends whether racing or cruising or at a membership meeting or party. Hope to see you soon.



## Upcoming Cruises

### [October 2<sup>nd</sup> Membership Meeting](#)

Location: Brain Boru Bistro, Severna Park

Time: 6:30pm

Dinner: off menu (great choices)

Speaker: Carol McClees, MRSA Member and Curator of Maritime Collections, Maryland Historical Society

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### [The Cruise to Mill Creek, 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> October](#)

*By Jon Mullarky*

Cruise Leader Jon Mullarky on Betelgeux will be anchoring off the south shore of Mill Creek, between Possum Point and Providence Cove on **October 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>**, waiting for all comers to begin a beautiful fall weekend cruise. So why stay home and attack that "honey-do" list, or paint the spare bedroom, or mulch the yard? Those tasks will be there when you return from the cruise. Remember that there are a finite few good sailing days left in 2008. *Do the Cruise Thing!*

And the good news is that you will come home much smarter than when you left. Jon has made arrangements for us to visit the Naval Academy's Greenbury Point Nature Center, a short dinghy ride and walk from our intended anchorage. The Center will be available for our group from 1:30 to 3:30pm on Saturday, October 4<sup>th</sup>.

Of course with every cruise, there will be food and conversation and fun, because this is, after all, and MRSA raft-up. So make plans to join the Mill Creek Caper.

An optional dinner at Cantler's Riverside Inn is an available option, if anyone actually has room for dinner after our notoriously filling and delicious happy hour snacks! Please email Jon Mullarky at [betelgeux@friend.ly.net](mailto:betelgeux@friend.ly.net) or call 410-604-3502 to confirm your cruise participation.

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## [Great Schooner Race, Thursday, October 16](#)

By Peggy Poe

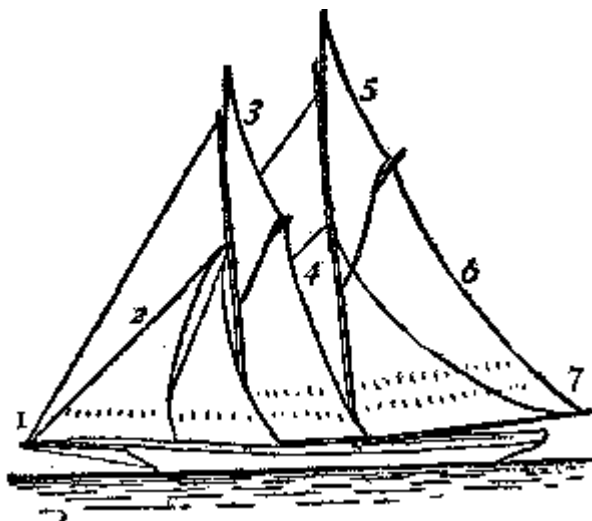
Take a Thursday off on October 16th and enjoy a day on the Bay. You will have a wonderful panorama of sails that day when the annual Great Schooner Race from Baltimore to Portsmouth, Virginia starts just below the Bay Bridge.

If the weather cooperates, it is often a wonderful day for a fall picnic on the water. Pack a sandwich and a beverage and bring your camera. There will be hundreds of others out to see the parade of schooners from Baltimore harbor to below the Bridge. The *Pride of Baltimore* participates, as well as the *Virginia*, *Lady Maryland*, *Mystic Whaler*, and the *Amistad*, all over 100 feet in length, and fifteen other schooners over 50 feet long. There will be at least fifty schooners sailing to Virginia. It really is a beautiful sight.

The race starts at 1:00 PM and Ed and Peggy Poe will be sailing there on *Ravenous*. If you would like to join us give us a call at 410-296-6428 and come along. Or take your boat and we'll see you out there.

Schooner rigging:   
1) Bowsprit 2) Jib, followed by fore staysail 3) (Fore) gaff topsail 4) Foresail 5) Main gaff topsail 6) Mainsail 7) End of boom

The *Pride of Baltimore II*, shown below, is a reproduction of the 1812-era topsail schooners, the type of vessels, called "Baltimore Clippers."



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## [The Goose Cruise is Coming October 18-19 - Honk Honk](#)

*By Mother Goose*

Falling, bright colored leaves and crisp temperatures, blue skies and fresh breezes. In October we can enjoy these things raking leaves in the backyard, sitting in the stands at a high school football game, or taking a drive in the country.

Instead, why not consider joining the annual MRSA Goose Cruise on October 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> and chart your course across the Bay to the Chester and up the Corsica River? The Geese will be there (and they will be making a racket, no doubt) and so will the MRSA cruisers! Check out the website and look for emails to tell you more about the details. Honk Honk.



## **Racing**

### [Notes of Note from the Magothy Racing Scene ...](#)

*By Peggy & Ed Poe*

## **Important Dates for Magothy Racing Sailors...**

**Sunday October 5<sup>th</sup>, 12:30 pm-- Mark your calendar!**  
**Hallie Rice Fall Sunday Afternoon Series to Begin...**

Five Sunday afternoon races on the Magothy, usually with great wind and beautiful weather. There are no additional entry fees for any boats that were entered in the summer's Wednesday Evening Races. Anyone else is welcome to enter with a modest entry fee of only \$15 to cover awards for the 5 races. There will be one spinnaker class and one non-spinnaker class. For information, consult the Red Book or the Magothy Sailing website, or call Angelo Guarino at 410-544-8992 or Mike Mullarky at 410-439-1556.

**Postponed to Wednesday, October 15<sup>th</sup>, 6pm.**  
**Trophy Party at Gibson Island Boathouse...**

Bring your family; bring your crew; bring your friends; **and bring a good hors d'oeuvre, finger food, or snack to share** as we celebrate the conclusion of another wonderful season of Wednesday evening racing on the Magothy and recognize both the winners and all those who made it interesting and challenging for them to win. MRSA will provide soft drinks, beer, and wine--and many trophies. Come enjoy the beautiful sunset and the wonderful camaraderie of happy and enthusiastic sailors.

It's a wonderful location for a party, and the good people at Gibson Island allow us to use their boathouse facility at no charge, but they want and need a guest list for the guard at the gatehouse. So...please help us and let us know you will be coming and whether you will come by car or by boat. You can **RSVP to the Race Committee Chairman** at [race\\_committee@magothysailing.com](mailto:race_committee@magothysailing.com), or use (410) 544-8992. Better yet, **fill out the form at [www.magothysailing.com/bin/trophy.php](http://www.magothysailing.com/bin/trophy.php)**. On this form, enter the Boat Name, who is attending, how they are arriving, and their position on the boat.

**This is important! If you are coming, please indicate:**

--If you are coming by car, please provide your name, the boat that you sail on, and the skipper's name.

--If you are coming by boat, provide your name, the boat's name, and her length and draft.

**... So please let us know.**

**Send your reservation to the Race Committee Chairman at  
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Thanks in advance for your help.



## **Sad News**

### *In Memoriam—Paul Stubbs*

*By George Stamps*

In early August MRSA lost a distinguished and esteemed former member, with the passing of Past Commodore Paul Stubbs. Paul was our 13<sup>th</sup> Commodore, serving in that post in 1986. Previously he had served as Fleet Captain Cruising and Vice Commodore, and in other positions as well. For many years he and his wife Martha were fixtures in the club's cruising program, first in their Catalina 27 *Chesapeake Cutty* and later in their O'day 34 *Seafari*. Former residents of Milbur on the Magothy, they relinquished their club membership in 2003, having sold their boat and relocated to the Charlestown Retirement Community. Paul will be forever remembered by his many sailing friends for his generosity, steadfastness, unflinching good humor, and his many contributions to MRSA. His wife and lifelong sailing companion "Marty," who continues to reside at Charlestown, and their four sons and families survive him.



## **Tales of Past Cruises, Plus Photos**

### *Cruise to Church Creek September 13 and 14*

*By Toni and Rich Hughes*

The second annual cruise to Church Creek on the South River blasted the sailors with hot August like air; it was 94 in the shade. The Creek greeted 5 boats (noticed by the neighbors) Min Van IV (Lunds), Flying Low (Kirkendalls), Ravenous (Poes), Merlin (McNairs) and Rendezvous (Kammanns) enjoyed the quiet creek. By land vessels we were joined by Neisners from New York, Paskins from Annapolis, and Masiees from Severna Park. The Saturday evening cocktail hour was a success. Many good choices from our excellent chefs!

Sunday morning brunch at the Hughes house found a few more hardly souls braving the heat. (If you remember the heat index that day was 105.) We enjoyed fruit salad, sweet breads, mimosa, Bloody Marys and of course Rich's famous made to order omelets.

Added to the Saturday group (McNairs missed the feast) were Polks, Timermans, Jon Mullarky, Hoffmans, Brauns, Bob Krapfel and Gabrielle Belli, and later Petersons, Romeys (from VA) and of course Jackins.

We hope to invite everyone again next year.

### *September Cruise Wrap-Up*

*By Debbie Lund*

The September cruise was the week in September when there were 3 tropical storms/hurricanes in the Atlantic. After delaying the start of the cruise one day so that Tropical Storm Hanna could leave the mid-Atlantic area, 3 boats set out for a week's



cruise. The only plan was to meet in Annapolis and then we would decide where to go on a daily basis.

George and Gail Braun, Mike and Loura Bonham and Debbie and John Lund met in Annapolis. The moorings were empty because of the "Hanna" so we had the pick of the harbor. It is always interesting to watch the people and boats navigate the harbor. The decision was made to go to Swan Creek on Monday and Worton Creek on Tuesday. The wind was to blow out of the Southeast for 2 days. At Worton Creek, there would be no jellyfish and hopefully the barnacles could be cleaned from the props.

Monday was light air but when there are no wakes and it isn't 90 degrees you tend to try to sail. The Brauns had friends on a Swan that joined us in Swan Creek. They were able to navigate the creek drawing 7 ½ feet of water! The weather forecast for Tuesday issued a small craft advisory and predicted thunderstorms so we decided to stay in Swan Creek. So much for the clean bottoms! The weather wasn't too bad so we walked around Rock Hall. After Labor Day, most of the stores were closed on Mondays and Tuesdays. The ice cream store was open. We had dinner at the Swan Creek Inn.

On Wednesday, the Lunds, Brauns, and Bonhams headed toward St. Michaels. I never knew there was an area of shallow water near the high bridge until George and Gail are following us and ran aground in the channel. There is a small blue dot on the chart. We were joined by the Maisees and rafted-up in Leeds Creek. This creek is across the Miles River from St. Michaels. The entrance is tricky--don't go too close to the Green marker #1. Once inside the creek, there is plenty of water and we were the only boats in the creek.

On Thursday, we motored across the river to St. Michaels. During the day, we anchored in the harbor so we could venture to town. We contacted the Fones and decided to go to the Miles River Yacht Club for dinner. Late in the afternoon, we pulled up anchor and motored to Longhaul Creek. The Poes sailed from the Magothy on Thursday so there were 12 people for dinner at the Yacht Club. It is a great place to have dinner and MRSA does have reciprocity with the club. Next year, MRSA will have to plan a cruise to the Miles River Yacht Club.

On Friday the Brauns and Maisees sailed back to the Magothy. They had a great trip as it was blowing out of the south. The Lunds, Poes and Bonhams sailed to Granary Creek/Wye River. We were met by the Dorfs and Poulsons. The rowing/paddling race around Wye Island was on Saturday. The Bonhams, Dorfs and Poulsons were involved in the rowing event.

On Saturday, the Lunds and Poes motored to South River to join the MRSA cruise to Church Creek.

It was a great week. We didn't travel very far but people could come and go during the week which was fun. Also we tended to sail more because the destinations were not so far.



## Junior Training

Just a reminder that Fleet Captain, Junior Training, Rich Hughes (410) 224-4155 [junior\\_training@magothysailing.com](mailto:junior_training@magothysailing.com), has been working with the Commodore and others to arrange an early contract with The Grachur Club for Junior Training activities next summer. For now the boats are safely tucked away for the winter at their Blackhole Creek hibernation habitat awaiting a little TLC prior to next summer.



*New Interim Old Man Editor*

By Bert Polk

In the course of human events, tides flow and ebb, things change. Our faithful *Old Man* Editor, Tony Torres, has relinquished the helm of the *Old Man* to spend more time



varnishing his venerable V. I. wooden sailboat. We all thank Tony for his many enjoyable, informative, and enlightened issues of this newsletter and look forward to seeing him out on the water next spring. Very briefly, Beth Vanfossen became the "temporary Guest Editor." Beth was terrific in producing perhaps the longest issue ever – a massive (geeze – what was that, 18 pages?!) fact and foto filled recent issue. In the meantime, noting my previous editorial forays, Commodore Poe (with a little help from Mrs. Admiral Poe), took me for a boat ride and proposed that I assume the editorship. As you can see from the aerial photo shown here, it was a lovely boat ride on a beautiful boat. At some point, they tied a rope around my waist and threw me over, with

comments something about sink or swim - or edit the newsletter. As you can see by the second photo, taken from the helm of *Ravenous*, I decided neither to sink nor swim. And so, it seems, for at least awhile, you have a new *Old Man* editor. My E-mail for articles and photos is [bpolk21401@yahoo.com](mailto:bpolk21401@yahoo.com). (If



you **EVER** send me junk mail, you will be asked merely to sink. And as I tell all my readers, if you are offended by poor spelling, please ask someone to read the newsletter to you.) I am not a slave to my E-mail, so don't expect immediate or even same week response, but eventually I will probably respond. All event synopses are welcome. I was told that my original thoughts are neither required nor desired for this newsletter, so keep that in mind, as will I. With this humble beginning, and sincere thanks to Beth for teaching me how to use a computer, let's go sailing....



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