



# The Old Man

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The Monthly Newsletter of the Magothy River Sailing Association

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## Calendar of Upcoming Events

- November 1-2:** Frostbite Cruise  
**November 1:** Membership Meeting, Windows on the Bay, 6:30, Reservations  
**November 2:** Hallie Rice Fall Series, Race 4  
**November 6:** "Work and Play on the Bay". Maryland Historical Society Maritime Collection with music by *Them Eastport Oyster Boys*  
**November 9:** Hallie Rice Fall Series, Race 5 (final for this series)  
**December 11:** Membership Meeting and Election of Officers,  
 - with Wine and Cheese Party Belvedere Yacht Club, 6:30  
**December 13:** Parade of Lights Party, Marriot Hotel, Annapolis Waterfront, Sunset  
**January 10, 2009:** Commodore's Ball, **NEW LOCATION:** Doubletree Hotel in Annapolis



## Commodore's Comments



*By Ed Poe, Commodore*

If I weren't a "glass half full person", I would be depressed and gloomy. In fact, I guess I have been a little down since the economy has been behaving like a roller coaster day after day. But then I take time to relax a little bit like I did last week, and get out on the boat and enjoy the beautiful fall days on the water. There aren't many more of those days to enjoy before the winter makes it a little too cold for all but the very hardiest of us. The fall days that are left are very special.

It was fun to get out and enjoy the spectacular view of the Great Chesapeake Bay Schooner Race along with twelve other sailors. And even though we needed to layer just about all the clothes we had on board, we also had a great time at the re-located Goose Cruise. A few of us even anchored out in the forty degree nighttime temperatures. Talk about a hardy lot!

As you winterize and cover your boat or deliver it to your marina to be hauled out for winter storage, it's time to think about winter chores and plans. Don't forget that MRSA has lots of opportunities to help you fill your discretionary hours. Make sure you mark your calendar with the dates of our November Frostbite Cruise on Saturday, November 1<sup>st</sup>, as well as the Wine and Cheese Party on Thursday, December 11<sup>th</sup>. At the Wine and Cheese Party, you will have a chance to vote for the newly nominated slate of officers or add other folks to the slate of nominees. After all this is an election year!!!!

For those of you who love the challenge of a crisp day and a fast race, come out for the last of the Hallie Rice Fall Series races. November 2<sup>nd</sup> and November 9<sup>th</sup> are the final two races in the series. And don't forget to add the Parade of Lights Party in Annapolis on Saturday, December 13<sup>th</sup>.

Let's wrap up a successful year together. I hope to see you soon.

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### **Upcoming Cruises**

#### **November 1st Membership Meeting**

Location: Windows on the Bay Restaurant (at White Rocks Marina, Pasadena, MD)

Time: 6:30pm

Dinner: three great meal choices: fish, fowl, bovine

Speaker: **from CBYCA**, "What does our membership mean?"

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#### **December 11<sup>th</sup> Membership Meeting**

Location: Belvedere Yacht Club, Arnold, MD

Time: 6:30pm

RSVP: Not required.

The December **Wine, Cheese, and Election of Officers** meeting will feature all that. Please bring a bit of wine and cheese (and perhaps some other finger munchies for a cool evening) to share. The business portion of the meeting will present the Nominating Committee ballot and will conduct the Election of Officers for 2009. For those new to MRSA, this version of the monthly meeting at the Belvedere Yacht Club is a very **INFORMAL** affair (unlike the Commodore's Ball in January which Miss Manners notes is a very *Formal Affair* indeed). The clubhouse is at the end of a few twists and turns off College Parkway to Jones Station Road to the very end of Alameda Parkway. (By water, it is at the confluence of Cool Spring Cove, Forked Creek, and about 5 challenging channel markers within 50 yards – free keel cleaning.) MRSA provides soft drinks, and we all provide wine, cheese, other munchies, and fellowship for about an hour before commencing an informal (20-30 minute?) business meeting where nominees are proposed and voted on, and other business (or pleasure) questions may be entertained – or not. The nice people at Belvedere provide their friendly facilities and ample free parking. It is, as someone said, "Definitely a delightful December diversion destination."



### **CBYCA Elects New Officers**

*By Jon Mullarky*

The Chesapeake Bay Yacht Clubs Association elected new officers at its August Board of Governors and Delegates Meeting. Kevin Noon from the Bush River YC will succeed Coles Marsh as Commodore. The new Vice Commodore is Pamela Butler from the Neptune YC. Robert Williams of the West End YC was tapped for the Legislative Director

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position and Kay Brawley from the Elk River YC will serve as Rear Commodore. The new Director of State Legislation for Maryland is Cecilia Battaglini, from the Northeast River YC, and Gene Schenck from the Admiral Annapolis YC will serve as District H Representative. MRSA is part of District H.

CBYCA is a fifty year-old organization that represents the boating community on the Bay in legislative matters. Today the Association has 129 member clubs including MRSA. Want to learn more about CBYCA and proposed legislation that could impact boating on the Chesapeake Bay? Come to the MRSA November meeting when we will host a CBYCA Representative who will give us a briefing on CBYCA and its activities.



## Tales of Past Cruises, Plus Photos

### [October Faith and Begorra!](#)

*By Peggy Poe*

If you weren't one of the MRSA faithful who attended the October Membership Meeting at the Brian Boru Irish restaurant on Thursday, October 2nd, you not only missed a delicious dinner and a hospitable happy hour, you missed an informative presentation by our speaker.

Carol McClees, MRSA member and the Associate Curator of the Maritime Collection at the Maryland Historical Society, left us wanting more as she described the nautical exhibition that she has been working on for the past six months. Carol, a wonderful ambassador for



the Historical Society, advertised the big event that will occur on November 6<sup>th</sup> – “Work and Play on the Bay”. *Them Eastport Oyster Boys* will provide background music while the guests enjoy the Maritime Collection and the other wonders of the Maryland Historical Society. Carol assured us that socks would not be required. More information about the November 6<sup>th</sup> event will be available on our website. Carol not only told us about the November 6<sup>th</sup> event, she also described the many nautical items

and pieces of art in the collection. As sailors and lovers of the bay, a trip to the Maryland Historical Society should be right on the top of our list, a perfect place to while away the hours on that rainy weekend when sailing the bay is out of the question.

Among the intellectually interested (or hungry) members who ate and learned together were the Dorfs, Masiees, Lunds, Winokurs, Poes, Diane Jackins, Betz, Mike Mullarky, and Jon Mullarky.

### [Almost Captured on The Mill Creek Caper](#)

*By Jon Mullarky, survivor*

It was a beautiful Saturday, with everything but wind when *BETELGEUX* (Jon & Mike Mullarky), closely followed by *FLYING LOW* (Al and Sue Kirkendall) and *LIGHT SPRAY* (Myron & Sigrid Dorf) entered Mill Creek. We anchored behind Possum Point near the Navy marina and were soon joined by *FREQUENT FLYER* (Mike & Laura Bonham) and *MIN VAN IV* (John & Debbie Lund). Ten MRSA sailors landed by dinghy on the beach adjacent to the marina, tied our trusty inflatables to the Navy's “NO TRESPASSING” sign and walked to the Greenbury Point Nature Center.

The Naval Academy manages and protects 231 acres on Greenbury Point as a wildlife

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habitat area. The area is home to white-tailed deer, red fox, bobwhite quail, osprey, raccoons, woodchucks, blue birds, great blue herons, and other creatures. The Navy also maintains a small Nature Center to inform visitors of the rich local natural and cultural resources on Greenbury Point. Kimberly Hickey of the Environmental Division staff was on hand at the Nature Center to answer questions as we viewed the exhibits. On cue, a family of deer made an appearance on the lawn to bring home the point that real animals lived there, not just the stuffed ones on display.

Philippe and Shirley Masiee joined the group at the Nature Center. We also took a short hike on one of the Nature Trails maintained by the Center.



While the cruisers were enjoying cocktails and other goodies on *BETELGEUX*, someone noticed a black inflatable loaded with people in camouflage and armed with rifles paddling our way. Several other similar boats that had rounded Possum Point soon joined the inflatable. We were surrounded and out gunned! Were we mistaken for Somali pirates or was the Navy retaliating for us using the sign to tie up our dinghies? As the attack progressed it became clear that the MRSA boats were not the objective. The Midshipmen were out to attack the nearby beach and demonstrate their war-fighting skills to an unknown authority watching the drill from a black SUV on the hill. Our cocktail party continued as we watched the attackers storm the beach.

Early on Sunday morning we picked our way carefully out of a fogged in Mill Creek and headed back to the Magothy River to change boats and race in the first of the Hallie Rice Fall Series. The fog burned off quickly and I'm sure the other boats had an easier time getting out of the creek after a really great October cruise.

## [We Sailed with the Schooners!](#)

By Peggy Poe

On a beautiful October morning, twelve – no, it was thirteen - adventurous sailors climbed aboard the fair vessel *Ravenous*, and headed south to enjoy the start of the 2008 Great Chesapeake Bay Schooner Race. As *Ravenous* arrived at the starting line, we thought we spotted the Race Committee boat, but could only find one schooner.

It was almost time for the first gun. Where in the world were all these beautiful schooners? Then, almost miraculously, the bay was full of schooners. *The Pride of Baltimore* arrived, along with the *Virginia*, the *Mystic Whaler* and the *Amistad*, large and stately. Kent Shaffer was on the lookout for *Antonina*, since he had crewed on her in 2007. We watched *Antonina* take off like a rocket in a good breeze soon after the start, even without Kent aboard. It seemed like hundreds of beautiful schooners, but the official results showed that there were 58 entries in the race. As often happens in the sailboat race business, not all the schooners started the race, and not all that started finished in Portsmouth.

The crew aboard *Ravenous* was busy with cameras and concentrating on their lunches while trying to get the best view of the schooners, while crew on the schooners were up in the yardarms on the lookout for a breeze. Before we knew it, all the classes had been started, and the schooners were on their way to Portsmouth. *Ravenous* headed for the

Magothy, glad we had played hooky from work and our regular Thursday chores. The 2008 Great Chesapeake Bay Schooner Race start had been, for us, a wonderful way to spend an October day on the water.

Laura and Mike Bonham, Sigi and Myron Dorf, Carolyn McCollum and Elizabeth Wrightson, Stockton Buck with friend Linda, Kent Shaffer, Craig Coltharp and John Hubbs, along with Commodore Ed Poe and Peggy rounded out the crew on Ravenous. We would all recommend that you consider taking this cruise next year. You won't be disappointed. By the way, our own *Pride of Baltimore* took a first in Class AA arriving at 6:16 am on Friday morning, after 16 hours 36 minutes and 3 seconds of sailing to Portsmouth. Making the fastest journey to Portsmouth was *Malabar II*, taking a first in C Class and arriving in Portsmouth at 4:04 am on Friday morning taking just 14 hours, 14 minutes and 15 seconds.



## More Pictures

Goose Cruise 2008  
(see article below)

Sue and Al Kirkindall with Official Eagle Cove  
Goose Migratory Refuge in Background.

Geese-Eyes View of Cold Humans



"Was that a goose I just  
saw?" Mike Bonham  
with Debbie and Bob  
Lund



Hosts Myron and Sigi Dorf (and is that a  
green goose in the middle?)



## More Cruises

### [The Baltimore Cruise – with “the other club” \(The Bristol Club\)](#)



### [The 2008 Goose Cruise](#)

*By Myron & Sigrid Dorf*

The wind was blowing and the temperature let us know that winter is coming as 12 of us kept warm on rum punch, jokes, and friendship.

This year instead of venturing to the Eastern shore we decided to visit the resident geese and anchored in Eagle Cove. With the Kirkendalls on *Flying Low* providing the anchor boat the Dorfs on *Light Spray*, the Lunds on *Min Van IV*, and the Poes on *Ravenous* rafted up with them. The Bonhams arrived by power boat and we were joined later by the Polks in their runabout *Mary Louise*.

We gathered in the cockpit of *Light Spray*, a 32 ft. boat, and were surprised that 12 of us could fit in comfortably. This helped to keep us cozy and warm while we shared our stories and watched the sunset. As usual the appetizers were delicious and plentiful and were quickly devoured.

*Photos Page 5.*

## Racing Events

### [End of Season Trophy Party](#)

*By Sarah Bellum*

The evening of October 15 saw a plethora of about 150 Magothy River racers and friends gather at the Gibson Island Boat House to celebrate the 2008 racing season. Tales were told and trophies were presented. Some of the same names were repeated again and again, but there were many new names added to the cast of characters announced. The sad loss of fellow sailor Ralph Reitan was noted, along with lessons learned from the experience. Photos show Skipper Colin McKenzie and the crew of *Beagle*, who rescued Ralph and received the Ham Palmer Award from Commodore Ed Poe, as well as “the best of the fleet” – Skipper Charlie Hutchinson and his White Lightning crew (non-spinnaker) and the crew of *Ultra Violet* (spinnaker) represented by Jordan Prucnal. The evening ended, as the beautiful harvest moon was rising, with the camaraderie of happy sailors sharing a sea story or two, thinking about next weekend’s racing, or perhaps planning next year’s competition.

*Photos Page 7.*



## Oh, By the Way...

### [Baltimore Light - Windows Update](#)

*By Muddy Caisson*

Back in July there was an alert that by going to [BaltimoreLight.org](http://BaltimoreLight.org) or window manufacturer [www.jeld-wen.com/lighthouse](http://www.jeld-wen.com/lighthouse), all could cast votes for the lighthouse of their choice to receive FREE Jeld-Wen windows. Last year there were about 35,000 votes for a similar contest with Wind Point Light near Racine, Wisconsin and Thomas Point Light between the Severn and South Rivers in Maryland having sufficient votes to tie and receive much needed new windows. In this second year of the contest, there were 49 nominations. Among 12 finalists, only Baltimore Light at the mouth of the Magothy was a Chesapeake Bay Lighthouse. According to co-lighthouse owner, Jane Cox, Baltimore Light received approximately 70,000 supportive votes! Amazing – until you consider that the winning lighthouse received a massive 140,000 votes. Actually, there is a final-final three so the winner has not yet been chosen. Look for another contest next year. You may yet see the light through Jeld-Wen windows. Baltimore Light celebrated 100 years of service October 1, 2008. If you would like to help with the next 100, try their web site.

### [Recipe of the Month – Sausage Dip to Winterize By](#)

*Thanks to Peggy Poe*

1 lb Jimmy Dean sausage with sage

1 8 oz light cream cheese

1 can Rotel tomatoes

Brown the sausage, breaking up the meat as small as possible. Pour off the grease. Mix in the cream cheese and tomatoes, cooking over low heat and stirring until the cheese is melted. Serve with chips. You can make this ahead and reheat in the microwave or oven.





*Sailing Home - the end of Summer 2008*

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