



# The Old Man

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The Monthly Newsletter of the Magothy River Sailing Association

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## Calendar of Upcoming Events

- **May 29 – 31, Sat – Mon:** Wye River Memorial Day Cruise
- **June 4, Friday, 6 – 9 PM:** Poes' Place, Black Hole Creek on the Magothy
- **June 21 through July 2 (weekdays), all day:** Junior Sailing Camp at Grachur
- **Wednesday Night Races, very Wednesday around 1800:** Spectators welcome!



## Commodore's Comments – Safe Sailing Summer



By Wes McNair, Commodore

One of the great things about the Sockburning Cruise/Party this year was the chance to practice with safety flares. Rich Hughes coordinated the necessary permissions, and those in attendance all appreciated the opportunity to become familiar with that important part of our equipment inventory. No matter how often you've read the directions, it's far better to have experienced use first-hand and not when imminent danger is at hand. Knowing the characteristics of our safety equipment, both in capability and limitations, is a smart thing for us all to do periodically. I urge you to go through your critical equipment mentally and physically now, before

you need it. One thing I think we've all realized at one point or another in our sailing lives is that "it" CAN happen to you.

Safety was one of the concerns at the Spring Classic this year. I had the chance to be aboard *Ravenous* with the Poes and Gottschalks, performing committee duty (thanks!) for the event. The forecast for strong winds kept the fleet on the small side this year, and we did cancel the second race when winds were consistently exceeding 25 knots. However, all went well in the morning race with all boats staying within their limits, and having a great race. I have to tell you though, that was one tough trip back upriver into the face of a near gale.

Look for a chance to help out this month with our upcoming junior training program. Parent volunteers are a big part of making it work, but many who don't have a kid in the program help out as well. Zoe Forsyth is our Fleet Captain running the many activities involved in the camp itself, and Dave Kemp is our Fleetmaster who will be looking for help just before camp getting the boats ready and delivered. Give 'em a call and offer just a little of your time.

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Well, *Merlin* will be stretching her sea legs a bit this coming month. Plans are to depart for Block Island Sound on June 26th for 2 or 3 weeks. If anyone is heading in that direction, let me know. Otherwise, we'll look for you at one of the many MRSA events coming soon. Be safe!



### **Upcoming Cruises & Events**

#### **Wye River Cruise, Memorial Day Weekend, May 29-30-31**

*By Toni Hughes, Cruise Leader*

This is preliminary information regarding the cruise to the Wye River. I will send along the final flyer once it is complete.

We will be joining Eastport Yacht Club and Chesapeake Bristol Club at Wye Island for Memorial Day Weekend – as we have for the past few years. This is a great cruise to share with friends, and with luck the water is warm enough for a swim before breakfast with NO NETTLES. Great winds for the trip home last year.

Saturday May 29<sup>th</sup>, grills available on land, no other formal activities planned. Sunday May 30<sup>th</sup> begins the activities with contests on water and games on land. New this year: a “Buffet” theme.

Rooms in the lodge or cabin are available first come reservation basis, \$20/person/night. Please contact Toni Hughes for room reservation. Price for the chicken dinner held on Sunday night will be the same as last year: \$10 children, \$20 adults.

#### **It's a Picnic, Friday Evening, June 4<sup>th</sup> at 1800**

*By Peggy Poe, Black Hole Creek Five-Star Hostess Association*

It seems that MRSA really likes to eat, and on Friday June 4<sup>th</sup> we have another chance to get together and EAT!

Friday June 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm is the date and time for the MRSA annual picnic, and once again we will meet at the Poes for food and frivolity. Come by land or by sea, and join in the fun. Hotdogs and hamburgers and other delicious goodies that you bring will be the agenda for the evening.

Sailors with names beginning A – L, please bring a salad or casserole; M – Z, please bring hors d'oeuvres. Hot dogs, hamburgers and MRSA beverages will be provided. Strawberries and ice cream will be our dessert. (We will even have chocolate sauce for non-strawberry eaters! – but why would you be a non-strawberry eater?! – or a non-chocolate eater?!)

Please call Peggy Poe at 410-296-6428 or email [mpoe1@comcast.net](mailto:mpoe1@comcast.net) to let us know you will be coming or if you have questions. Directions to the Poes' Shore Shack in Black Hole Creek are on the MRSA website: 438 Shady Lane, Pasadena. Peggy's cell phone at the party is 410-916-3480. See you at the Poes on June 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm.



#### **Rock Hall Pirates' Cruise in August**

**– early mooring reservations advised**

*By Laura Bonham, MRSA Landing Party and Cruise Leader*

I want to announce that anyone planning on going to the Pirates' Cruise in Rock Hall who desires a mooring ball or a slip needs to make their reservation for such ASAP. We will

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be going over on the prior Friday and throwing the hook behind the mooring balls at Swan Creek Marina as we did the prior year. The anchorage fills up quickly for that event.

Come prepared to buckle your swashes, wrestle your wenches, feather your caps, and treasure your chests. Bring your cutlass, your flintlock, and if you have a bird on your shoulder – more power to ya, matie.

We hope you can plan to attend. We had a great time last year.



## Tall-Tales of Past Cruises and Events

### [Sock Burner and Shakedown Cruise](#)

*By Sheryl McNair*

What a great day for a shake-down cruise! Well, maybe not, but it was certainly good weather for a bonfire with s'mores, campfire pies, loads of goodies, and great company! The promised rain never materialized (a few drops, here and there), and the crowd of around 40 enjoyed the camaraderie, munchies & refreshments, the warmth of the fire, and a few new traditions. While we still enjoyed the ritual of tossing our socks into the fire, we also collected over 7 dozen new pairs of socks, for donation to the Lighthouse Foundation for those more needy than ourselves – thanks to Chris Poulsen for delivering them.

A new activity was added to our Sock Burner/Shakedown Cruise, held on the Loooper beach, April 24. A flare training exercise was conducted. The purpose of the flare-ex was two-fold; give members an opportunity to ignite an emergency flare and shoot an aerial flare using a flare pistol, and then to dispose of expired flares. Everyone was encouraged to bring as many expired flares as they wanted to dispose. The exercise included hand-held flares, hand-held orange smoke flares, and aerial flares. Both near-shore and off-shore, Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS) types were ignited. The exercise was very successful in that over 50 flares were ignited and everyone who wanted to experience lighting a flare had the opportunity to do so. It was great training for those of us who'd never done it before (and didn't know that the "ash" would burn through a fiberglass boat!).

It was interesting that even though all the flares were technically expired, we experienced a very low failure rate. The failures that we experienced with the hand-held flares were associated with the flints used to create a spark that ignites the flare. In cases where the flints failed, the flare was ignited from another flare or with a lighter. We experienced very few misfires of the aerial flares. However, many of the aerial flares did not ignite the red flare.

The hand-held flares burned for about a minute and a half. The aerial flares lasted less than 10 seconds. The SOLAS flares were much brighter and burned longer than the near shore flares. How's that for a scientific experiment?! The would-be rescuers who showed up in a power boat about 30 minutes into the exercise probably weren't thrilled, but it was nice to know that someone on the Magothy cared. (The rest probably called the Coast Guard, and discovered that we were only training!)

We are most grateful to Eddie Loooper, for allowing us to use his property and providing docking (and even mooring) privileges. Special thanks also to Rich Hughes for setting up the flare-ex – what a great idea! And thanks to Chris Poulsen for delivering the socks to the needy. Last but not least, thanks also to everyone who helped clean up. On the subject of clean-up, we collected a wooden cheese board, a metal tray with a landscape scene on it, a small flexible cooler with bottled water, a knife.... Please call Wes or Sheryl McNair to arrange for pickup or delivery to the next cruise.

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MRSA is a member of CBYRA, CBYCA, and Boat US. (Member #GA 80366 S)

## RESERVATIONS REQUIRED or REQUESTED FOR:

- *Black Hole Picnic – by Tuesday, June 1 to 410-296-6428*

## PHOTO CREDITS:

*Special thanks to Kathy Polk for pictures this month! Feel free to send your photos for next month's issue. I had more photos for this month but chose to include the words instead.*

## [Two Versions](#)

The Old Man received two versions about the Spring Classic – one by those battered and bruised, one by one of our great hosts. Pretty easy to tell which is which:

### [Spring Classic didn't spring too well](#)

*By Ed and Peggy Poe, Race Committee*

We missed you that Saturday – at least most of you. Kind of windy. No, very windy. Only one race was run. Eight boats started in two classes. One DNF – seven boats finished. Race Officials called off the second race. We clocked wind at 36 knots at one point.

Party was fun; excellent Bonham hosts! Race Committee was there; one boat of racers was there - maybe 20 people. Fun; good food. We celebrated John Lund's 60th birthday with a cake. Could have celebrated other birthdays as well. We sang Happy Birthday to John. No one came by water. Wonder why?

### [Post Spring Classic Race Party](#)

*By Loura Bonham, Hostess*

After braving 35+ knots of wind in the one race of the Spring Classic, racers and cruisers united at the Bonham's to dry out their clothes, rest their battered bodies and do what we are famous for--chatting, sharing appetizers, consuming some grog and enjoying each other's company. We had to grab onto our hats and porch furniture occasionally when the big gusts entertained us.

Members attending were: Jon and Mike Mullarky, Joe Berchielli (who lost a shoe in the race), Gene and Cyndi Gottschalk, Toni and Rich Hughes, Ed and Peggy Poe, Joe and Diane Jackins, Myron and Sigi Dorf and Mike and Loura Bonham. Guests attending were: Ron and Dawn Hughes of EYC, Brad Bonham, Marisa Tsao, Cecelia Hayes and R.T. Klamm.

We are requesting that the Fleet Captain Cruising consider making this an "official" cruise on next year's cruise calendar. We would like to see this event grow with more racers joining in on next year's post-race party.

## [Lots of Love in Annapolis for Cruise](#)

*By Rich Hughes*

Annapolis, voted one of the most romantic cities in the country, was the host for the first 2010 MRSA cruise on May 15 – 16. The weather was FANTASTIC; bright and sunny skies with 15 to 20 knots of breeze from the north. Boats coming from the Magothy River had a fast down-wind ride. Sailing into Annapolis Harbor is certainly one of the best ways to experience the city. We had five boats attend the cruise and many more members arrived for dinner by land yacht. For those who arrived early, moorings were available in the harbor. Arriving early were Mike and Loura Bonham aboard *Frequent Flyer*, Myron and Siggie Dorf on *Light Spray*, Dick and Marianne Kammann aboard *Renaissance*, Rich Hughes and George and Carolyn Stamps aboard *Fantastic*, and Wes and Sheryl McNair on *Merlin*. Wes and Sheryl missed the last mooring ball in the harbor by five minutes and had to go above the bridge for a mooring.

Thanks to Dick and Marianne Kammann for hosting 14 people for the happy hour aboard *Renaissance*. What a great boat for happy hour; Dick and Marianne are always gracious hosts! Joining the sailors by harbor taxi for the happy hour were Toni Hughes and Norm and Chris Poulsen. Norm and Chris spent day house hunting and claimed to have looked

at 23 houses that afternoon. They did look a little cross-eyed when they arrived for a well deserved happy hour.

Most of the group took the harbor taxi ashore for dinner. MRSA took over the upper party area at Mangia Restaurant for an outstanding Italian Dinner. The group continued to grow with addition of Fred and Sue Betz, Robert Bell and Susan Shockey, Al and Sue Kirkendall as well as friends of Mike and Laura Bonham, Rod and Denise. All in attendance echoed the claim the service was great, food was excellent, and the company superb.

After a great night on a mooring, the weather on Sunday morning was a near repeat of Saturday. On *Fantastic*, we had a leisurely breakfast, watch the other boats leave and then were off the mooring about 1000. We enjoyed the down-wind sailing for our ride home to the South River and were in the slip by 1300 hours. What a way to start the sailing season!!!

Hope to see you all in the Granary Creek on the Wye River for Memorial Day.



## Special Membership Notices and Announcements

### *Welcome new members!*

*By Peggy Poe*

Ahoy returning members!!!

It is wonderful when we welcome back members to MRSA, and this month the Board was happy to warmly receive back into membership the Fillat family. Christine and Peter Fillat and children Josie, Carly, and Peter are back in the fold. They live in Pasadena and keep an 18 foot power boat named *Seastar* on Ross Cove. We are glad to have them back in MRSA, so when you see them at Junior Sailing or at one of the parties or meetings make sure you say hi.

### *New Maryland PFD Laws – and Certificate POSSESSION*

*By Jon Mullarky, Vice Commodore*

There is a new Maryland Law concerning PFD wear by Children and Operation of Recreation Boats by Persons under the Age of 16.

The Governor has signed newly passed legislation that will require children **under the age of 13** to wear an approved life jacket on recreational boats. The law does not apply to a vessel which is moored or anchored; or a when the child is below deck or in an enclosed cabin.

The new law also requires persons under the age of 16 operating a numbered vessel in the State to possess a Certificate of Boating Safety Education and be under supervision of a person, onboard, who has obtained a Certificate of Boating Safety Education or was born before July 1, 1972. Read it at <http://mlis.state.md.us/2010rs/bills/sb/sb0092t.pdf>. The change requires “**possession**” of the certificate. In the past you could just **tell** the DNR you had a certificate. (Not telling the truth is a BIG no-no. – Ed.)

The new law is effective October 1, 2010.

## **Classified Advertisements**

From time to time it has been customary to have "classified ads" in *The Old Man* to allow members to make nautical articles (little pun there) available within the membership. Please respond directly to the seller if you are interested in these deals.

### **For Sale - Rogue River 15.7 - \$250.00**

Rogue River Canoe with drink holders; oar lock sockets; spare paddle tie downs, a protected storage compartment for watches, wallets, jewelry, cameras, or keys; an insulated cooler under the center seat. Length: 15' 7"; Beam: 42"; Depth" 14.5"; Weight: 104 pounds Capacity: 820 pounds; HP Rating: 4 HP  
Call John Maliszewski 410-353-8115 or jrmalis@Verizon.net



### **Seafarer 31 MK-II - 1976– Superbly Built Sloop-Rigged Sailboat – Loaded --- *Price Just Reduced!!***

Beautiful lines; sails great; Palmer 30 gas engine; loaded; in the Magothy and ready to go. \$7,500. Call Bill Hoffman, 410-647-4421.

### **13' Boston Whaler Sport – 2002 – Like new! --- *Price Just Reduced!!***

Only 40 hours on high performance 40 HP, 4-stroke engine. Loaded with Sunbrella cover and trailer. \$8,800. Call 410-255-8073.

### **Sell and Donate A Boat – a 2-fer!**

Boats of all kinds are accepted for resale by the Captain Salem Avery Museum, Shady Side, MD, including power and sailboats in working condition, canoes, kayaks, and paddle boats. Donors are eligible for a tax credit as a charitable donation in the amount of the sale of their boat. Contact Boat Donation Chairman Andrew Garte, 410-533-0042 or on the internet at boatsales@shadysidemuseum.org.

The Shady Side Rural Heritage Society owns and operates The Captain Salem Avery Museum, *A Waterman's Home*, located at 1418 East West Shady Side Road, P.O. Box 89, Shady Side, MD. 20764, 410-867-4486.

The Museum supports this summer's Blue Star Museums Program. The Captain Salem Avery Museum will join with 560 museums nationwide on May 31 to initiate the Blue Star Museums program sponsored by the National Endowment for the Arts. These museums are committed to opening their doors with free admission to active duty military families to show their appreciation for the U. S. military personnel and their families. Memorial Day seems very fitting as the start of this program to recognize the sacrifices made for our country by our men and women in service.

There are several special programs throughout the year, on Wednesday, June 30 there is the Rain Garden Opening and Ecotour from 2 – 4 PM: free for all. Those interested in improving the quality of water flowing into the West River and Bay (or anywhere on the Bay!) are encouraged to attend the Grand Opening of the bio-retention project at the Captain Salem Avery Museum.



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## **Racing Corner**

### ***In Memory of Larry Ricci – husband, father, friend, sailor***

*Contributed by Joe Berchielli, Race Committee Chair*

April 21, the inaugural date of the 2010 MRSA racing season, was marred by the sudden and shocking death of Larry Ricci, MRSA member and skipper of *Options*. This tragic event was described by friend, co-worker and crewman, Drew Kidder, as follows:

It is with great sadness that we share with you that Larry Ricci of the C&C 27 yacht *Options* passed away Wednesday shortly before the start of the race.

Options sailed well in the brisk, rainy wind late Wednesday afternoon, and arrived at the rendezvous an hour before race start. Larry found that he was not feeling well, and they decided to return to the Magothy Marina. On the return, he made the decision to call 911, as he was feeling worse. He conversed with the operators, and felt better for a period after the call, but then suddenly collapsed. While there was a helicopter overhead and paramedics on the fuel dock, it was too late to help him by the time they were able to get assistance to him.

Larry was an imaginative and energetic soul who had an infectious enthusiasm for the possibilities that new technologies can offer. Those of you in the fleet who knew him can tell you that it was Larry's obsession to win just one MRSA race. Sadly, it wasn't to be.

He will be sorely missed by his family, crew, the Magothy Marina community, co-workers, and the many others whose life he touched. He is survived by his wife and son.

## **NOTICE TO COMPETITORS –** **CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS:**

*By Joe Berchielli, MRSA RC Chair*

Please note that there are some recent changes to Wednesday Night Sailing Instructions. The following amendment to the Wednesday Night Sailing Instructions was created to include the Multihull Class. (See article below.) Please do a "cut and paste" to your copy of the instructions. Hopefully these will clarify and enhance our racing experiences.

### **MRSA Wednesday Night Sailing Instructions:**

#### **Amendment #1 – (May 17, 2010)**

In the "**General**" section, change "All racing" to "All boats racing in PHRF classes." In the second sentence change "All boats" to "These boats." Add the following sentences to the end of this section: "All boats racing in Multihull classes on the Magothy River shall be governed by The 2009-2012 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the prescriptions of the United States Sailing Association, and the rules of the Chesapeake Multihull Association except as altered by these Sailing Instructions. These boats shall be in compliance with the ISAF Offshore Special Regulations Category 5 (see Appendix J)."

In the "**Entries**" section, modify the phrase "A copy of the boat's current PHRF certificate" by adding "or CMA rating."

In the "**Class Splits**" section, add one line to each of the two series sets, (Series 1 through 5 and Series 6):

<b>Class</b>	<b>Class Ratings</b>	<b>Code Flag</b>
MH	All multihull	W

In the "**Starting Classes and Sequence for Series 1 through 5**" section,

modify the last line from

"1835 / 8 flag lowered / Start PHRF NS2"

to

"1835 / 8 flag lowered, W flag raised / Start PHRF NS2 /  
Warning - 5 minutes to start for MH / Gun"

and add the following line

"1840 / W flag lowered / Start MH / Gun"

In the "**Starting Classes and Sequence Sixth Series**" section,

modify the last line from  
"1830 / 5 & 8 flags lowered / Start PHRF N / Gun"

to  
"1830 / 5 & 8 flags lowered, W flag raised / Start PHRF N /  
Warning - 5 minutes to start for MH / Gun"

and add the following line

"1835 / W flag lowered / Start MH / Gun"

In the "**Special Awards**" section,

insert the phrase

"(with at least 5 boats entered)"  
before the phrase "for the season"

Notices to competitors will be published in the MRSA newsletter.

### **[New Multihull Racing on Wednesdays on the Magothy!!](#)**

*By Joe Berchielli, MRSA RC Chair*

Two multihull boats entered the first race of the second Wednesday Night Series on May 19. These racers are enrolled in a new MRSA Wednesday Night class designated exclusively for multihull boats. This MH Class has been assigned a starting time scheduled at 5 minutes after the start for the NS2 fleet. (See article above.)

Ed Jones, skipper of *Rubicon* and Russ Wesdyk, skipper of *Lola 3*, were the first to race in this new class on May 19. Other racing skippers and crews may get a chance to meet them at the raft-up after the June 9 Wednesday night race. *Rubicon* is a 26' O.A. Length catamaran (Heavenly Twins 26 Mk 2/3 model) and *Lola 3* is a 27' O.A. Length trimaran (Corsair F27 model).

Interest has been expressed by other multihull owners who sail the Magothy and participation is expected to increase.



## **Junior Sailing Program – Ages 9 - 16**

### ***Junior Training 2010 – Parents Meeting at Grachur – Thursday June 17, 1930***

*By Zoe Forsyth, Fleet Captain Junior Training*

MRSA's Junior Training Sailing Camp will be held at the Grachur Club on the beautiful Magothy River weekdays from June 21st through July 2nd, beginning at 0830 hours and finishing at 1600 hours. Many of last year's instructors will be returning, and preparations are ongoing to provide a fun and educational experience for young sailors and sailors-to-be.

Registration for this year's camp is complete and there is a waiting list. Parents of enrolled campers should plan to attend the Parents Meeting on Thursday June 17 at 1930 hrs at the Grachur Clubhouse, to meet the Instructional staff and to learn about the camp routine and what campers will need to bring. Further information will be sent via email and/or posted on MRSA's web site.

If you can help with the boat rigging/cleaning/transporting, your efforts will be greatly appreciated.

Questions? Contact Zoe Forsyth at 410-315-9548 or [junior\\_training@magothysailing.com](mailto:junior_training@magothysailing.com).



## Oh, By the Way

### [The House that Daryl Built - continued...](#)

Mostly by John R. Leopold, Anne Arundel County Executive

A prompt response was received mid-April 2010 from an inquiry to John Leopold concerning the structures on "Little Dutch" built several years ago without permits by the owner, Daryl Wagner, a builder who failed to apply for or obtain permits prior to construction. Excerpts of Mr. Leopold's letter are reprinted here.

"Nothing has been done to date to remove any of the structures that did not have the appropriate permits and inspections. The County ...opened our violation case more than six year ago... [and] the Critical Area Commission and the Chesapeake Bay Foundation have been embroiled in a court battle over the structures built on the island. The net effect is that [the County's] violation case is on hold pending the outcome of the appeal on the State's case. [Appeals must be exhausted.] The property owner has entered into a settlement agreement with the MDE and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for the work that was done water ward of the mean high water line on the island. Permits have been submitted to remove a portion of the pier and establishment of a large marsh area along the shoreline... and a grading permit and... demolition permits for the pool and other impervious surface[s] in the Critical Area are [in work]."

Mr. Leopold went on to say that the "situation has been very frustrating for me personally." The Critical Area Commission, the Chesapeake Bay Foundation, and the County all have areas of concern and each needs to be taken in turn in the courts – all causing delays. "It is my hope that we will be able to move forward at some point soon and bring this case to closure. The Anne Arundel County Board of Appeals ordered the removal of the swimming pool, a portion of the pier, driveway and some of the decking. Nothing would make me happier than to see the permits issued so this site could be brought into compliance with the Order of the Board of appeals." (Curious that although building the place is possible without permits, to take down the non-permitted structures, all must wait for permits. – Ed)



### [Cinco de Mayo Party Photos](#)



Robert  
Bell and  
Susan  
Sharkey

Wes  
McNair,  
Sue  
Betts,  
Sheryl  
McNair



Great party at the home of Fred and Sue Betts. Five pictures worth 5,000 words...



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Picture by Bill Paul

Please do your part to restore the Bay and make it cleaner.



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