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The Monthly Newsletter of the Magothy River Sailing Association

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Calendar of Upcoming Events

- **August 4, Wednesday:** Wednesday Night Racing Raft-up – after Series Four
- **August 6, Friday:** World Famous Governor's Cup Race
from Annapolis to Saint Mary's College
- **August 7 – 8, Sat – Sun:** Whitehall Bay Cruise;
George and Gail Braun, Cruise Leaders
- **August 14 – 15, Sat – Sun:** Pirates Weekend! Swan Creek/Rock Hall;
Mike and Laura Bonham, Cruise Leaders
- **August 21, Saturday:** August Picnic/Cruise to Cornfield Creek;
Myron and Sigi Dorf, Cruise Leaders
- **October 2 – 3, Sat – Sun:** Baltimore and Fells Point Cruise;
Homer & Sherry Sandridge, Cruise Leaders
- **Wednesday Night Races, every Wednesday around 1810:** Spectators welcome!
- **January 22, 2011, Saturday:** Tentative Commodore's Ball date at GIYC (think snow)



Commodore's Comments – half & half



By Wes McNair, Commodore

Is your glass half full or half empty? We are at the approximate mid-point of our sailing season on the Magothy, with club events in our wake and off our bow. Are you still looking forward to Wednesday nights now that 15 weeks have slipped by? Or are you just getting the boat and crew up to speed for the real competition to come? Will the next nine cruises be as good as the first nine? And while junior sailing camp was an early and outstanding success, don't forget the chance for junior racing in the weeks ahead. There are lots of good things ahead on the schedule. There's always something for everyone in MRSA; one of the great things about the Association.

Meanwhile, don't let the heat scare you off the water. Surely we've seen the worst that can possibly come our way. I've found that I not only have to jump in for that refreshing dip even more frequently, I now have to dive 5 feet under to get to the cool stuff. At least we're still jelly-free in the Magothy (knock on wood). Do your best to stay cool, and drink lots of water, in our August sailing. And, don't forget about the picnic later this month. See y'all there. Sail safely out there!



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Upcoming Cruises & Events

[Come! Join us in Whitehall Bay, August 7 - 8](#)

Submitted by George Braun, Cruise Leader

CHANGE ONE: Quicksilver is undergoing maintenance and will not make the cruise. Please contact George (see the REDBOOK) for more info.

ORIGINAL NOTICE: Please join Gail and George on *Quicksilver* (dark green hull) in Whitehall Bay on August 7th. We will be anchored by 3:00 and eagerly awaiting you to brave the heat and join us. If by chance the winds are strong and from the south, we may move the raft to Whitehall Creek or Mill Creek. Please bring an appetizer to share and we will supply a desert so we can skip dinner and maybe help cool things down.

[Rock Hall Pirates' Cruise in August 14 - 15](#)

[- tattoos for my friends!](#)

By Cap'n Magothy Mike & Lurid Loura Bonham, MRSA Landing Party and Cruise Leaders
Avast me hearties!

The crew of the *Frequent Flyer*, Captain Magothy Mike and first and last mate, Lurid Loura, arrrrrrgh gearing up for the Pirate's cruise. So, start making plans for the August 14th-15th cruise to Swan Creek for the Rock Hall Pirate's Fantasy weekend. Rock Hall, the Pearl of the Chesapeake, will be swarming with pirates and wenches. The town has planned a celebration of premier swashbuckling events with many activities and attractions planned for the big event.

Hoist your anchor and set your course for Swan Creek for a MRSA (Magothy River Swashbuckler Association) cruise. *Frequent Flyer* will host a happy hour on Saturday at 6 p.m., so please bring a covered dish to share with utensils to serve your dish. Last year, Saturday was a very busy day for us in town, and we would probably be pushing our energy to try to make it somewhere for dinner thinking about the crowd this event drew last year. Please RSVP to mwbonham@aol.com or call 410-439-0507.

We plan to anchor in back of the moorings at Swan Creek Marina in Swan Creek which would be to starboard upon entry into the creek. As we plan to do, some have already said they are planning on going over on Friday.

Be sure to dress appropriately (Goodwill is a good source), and decide in advance just where you might want your tattoo(s) placed! Pirates Arrrrrrrrrrgh cool!

Please check out www.rockhallpirates.com to find out more regarding schedule of events.



Captain Mike

[Cornfield Creek / Mil-Bur Picnic, Saturday, August 21](#)

Submitted by Myron & Sigrid Dorf, Cruise Leaders, with Jon Mullarky, Vice Commodore

Summer is flying by and it will soon be time for our annual Cruise/Picnic to Mil-Bur on Cornfield Creek on Saturday, August 21.

Cornfield Creek is a well-protected, secure anchorage just off the north shore of the Magothy near Gibson Island. Mil-Bur is at the opposite end of the creek from Gibson Island. Be sure to watch for the small can #1 after entering the creek and then look for the Mil-Bur community pier at the north end. If you are coming by boat and will need dinghy service or if you have any questions, E-mail us at myrondorf@comcast.net or call 410-255-8330.

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Land activities and food will start at 1:00. The grills will be hot and busy with hamburgers and hot dogs by 2:00 and drinks are provided. Please bring a side dish, salad, or dessert to share with the group. Besides the food there will be swimming in the pool, games, kayaks, conversation, and, of course, lots of fun.

Land directions - take Rte. 100 to the end where it merges onto Mountain Road. Continue straight for about 3 miles and after passing Chesapeake High School on the left the next right turn is Milburn Circle. Turn right and go straight to the clubhouse and pool.

We need to know how many will be coming by August 18 so that Jon can buy the food so please E-mail us at myrondorf@comcast.net or call 410-255-8330.

September Cruise

Submitted by Debbie Lund, cruise leader

Y'all Come!! Everyone interested in joining *MinVan IV* for a week in September on the Chesapeake, please notify John or Debbie Lund. The plan is to go with the club to Reed Creek (off the Chester River) on September 4/5 and then decide on the rest of the week depending on the wind. We will return to the Magothy on September 12. If you want to come for all or part of the week, just let us know. We can be reached at 410-544-2551 or dlund210@gmail.com.

Baltimore and Fells Point Cruise, October 2 – 3

Contributed by Homer and Sherry Sandridge

Join us at the Anchorage Marina in Baltimore located within easy walking distance of Fells Point and its annual festival on Saturday and Sunday, October 2-3, 2010. Please let us know not later than September 2 if you plan to attend as slips may become tight. Plan to arrive on Saturday in time to attend the festival which runs until 7:00 P.M. Some members will likely come up on Friday evening. Please bring food to share for a Sunday morning brunch. As in past years, the Chesapeake Bristol Club will be attending also.

Anchorage Marina is located at 2501 Boston Street, Latitude: 39.16.77; Longitude: 076.34.96. We have a discounted group rate of \$1.75 per foot plus electricity (\$10 for 30 AMP). The marina is currently holding a number of slips for both clubs but it's important that we book early given that it will be a busy weekend and they will not hold these slips very long. The marina has requested that the MRSA cruise director manage the slip bookings so MRSA members desiring a slip need to call Homer & Sherry Sandridge to supply the following information:

Name, Boat Name, Length, Beam, Electric Requirements, Arrival & Departure Dates, Credit Card Number & Expiration Date.

Hope you can join the fun. Any questions, please contact, NLT September 2:
Homer & Sherry Sandridge *Tide Dancer*
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Tall-Tales of Past Cruises and Events - next page...

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RESERVATIONS REQUIRED or REQUESTED FOR:

- Confield Creek / Mil-Bur Picnic – by Wednesday, August 18 to 410-255-8330

- Reed Creek and Beyond – by Monday, August 16 to 410-544-2551

- Baltimore Cruise – by Thursday, September 2 to (H) 410-384-9101 or (C) 443-831-0564

PHOTO CREDITS:

Special thanks to Gabriella Belli, Philippe Masiee, Peggy Poe, Ed Poe, John Aellen, and Kathy Polk for pictures this month! Feel free to send your photos for next month's issue. We had more photos for this month but chose to include the words instead.

Pirate's Cove
Cruise
June 19-20, 2010

Submitted by Cruise Leaders: Gabriella Belli & Bob Krapfel

The heat didn't stop seven boats and two land yachts from trekking down to Galesville for dinner at Pirate's Cove. But, we were grateful for the air-conditioning. Naturally, the wind picked up just as *Paradox* (with Bob & Gabriella), *Flying Low* (with Al & Sue Kirkendall), and *Renaissance* (with Dick & Marianne & Dick Kammann) were docking in the slips, making the exercise particularly exciting.

Fantastic (with Rich & Toni Hughes), *Frequent Flyer* (with Mike & Laura Bonham), and *Min Van IV* (with John & Debbie Lund) anchored a short distance from the pier. Dick and Marianne graciously offered their spacious craft for a mini-cocktail hour before the sumptuous dinner, where we were joined by Philippe and Shirley Masiee and Homer and Sherry Sandridge. Rounding out the dinner party were Lou Stewart and Lisa Reckner from the *Crystal Beach Yacht Club*, a relatively new club housed at the Magothy Marina. They sailed their 42' Sun Odyssey from the Magothy to join MRSA. As an added bonus, the Summer Solstice



Celebration was going on in the West River, complete with bands on a floating barge! The sail back on Sunday was uneventful, but, thankfully, the predicted thunderstorm did not materialize.



Collage and top three photos: Gabriella Belli
Bottom right photo: Philippe Masiee.



HOT DOG!

Submitted by Peggy Poe

HOT....HOT....HOT! Yes, Saturday, July 17th was definitely a steaming hot day, but not too hot for a short cruise on the *Magothy*. *Ravenous* and Past Commodore Ed and Peggy Poe were substitute cruise leaders for Dog Day Afternoon. Three junior training sailors and their dads as well as two potential future campers came aboard *Ravenous* for a



sail to Eagle Cove and an anticipated swim and a well-earned snack. Jake and Ben Andrew along with their dad, Dan Andrew, and Ryan Beveridge with dad, Bill Beveridge made up the hard working crew on *Ravenous*. Coleman and Jane Poe, granddaughters of Ed and Peggy Poe came along for the short sail and wonderful swim in Eagle Cove.

Everyone had a chance to practice new skills learned at MRSA sailing camp, and enjoyed a short sail before anchoring in Eagle Cove. Joining *Ravenous* in Eagle Cove were David and Zoe Forsyth and family on *Whistler*, Sally and Tom Stringer and family on board their Macgregor 26, and Norm and Chris Poulsen on *Blue Moon*. Two of the Stringer kids sailed a small boat in to the raft-up to show off their sailing skills. Way to go!

The fun began after all the boats were rafted up. Everyone jumped into the water to cool off, and it helped in the 90 degree temperature. There were noodles and inner tubes for floating. Norm and Chris Poulsen fired up the grill on *Blue Moon* and began to cook the hot dogs. Chef Norm did a yeoman's job of providing hot dogs for all. Sodas, juice, water, brownies, cookies, pretzels, chips, salsa, and, fruit - all were consumed in record time. As the sun went down, the raft broke up and another Dog Day Afternoon was deemed a great success.

Photos by Peggy Poe show Caroline Forsyth and Kim Stringer enjoying the water in Eagle Cove while Jake Andrew and Ryan Beveridge help Ed Poe flake the mainsail on *Ravenous* after a short sail.

CORSICA RIVER CRUISE July 24 - 25

Submitted by Myron & Sigrid Dorf, Cruise Leaders (with a little help from Peggy Poe and Mike Mullarky)

On the hottest day of the summer (110 degree heat index forecast) 5 MRSA boats (Kirkendalls on *Flying Low*, Lunds on *Min Van IV*, Dorfs on *Light Spray*, Walt Burmeister with his neighbor and MRSA member Mark Pliskin on *Papillon*, and the Jackins on a catamaran, *Runaway*, chartered by Diane's brother) set out for Spaniard Neck and the Corsica River Yacht Club Regatta. As we left the Magothy River the winds were blowing at 16 knots and we enjoyed good sailing until we got close to Love Point where the winds diminished and we had to resort to motor sailing.

We were able to anchor close to each other and enjoyed cooling off and socializing in the almost nettle-free water. We took dinghies into shore to the welcome sounds of the blue-grass band "Bitter Creek" and were joined by the more intelligent "wimps" (Ruth Baumert and the kids, Bonhams, Poes, and Jon Mullarky) who arrived in their air-conditioned land yachts. After enjoying the traditional Eastern shore dinner we cheered when Mike Mullarky and crew (John Baumert, Annette Mullarky, and Lynne Fisher) received their second place

trophy for their efforts racing *Eighth Deadly Sin* over to the Corsica. Mike's only comment on the race: "**It was HOT!**" Other racers included Scott Mucci with crew John Hubbs and Bill & Carolyn Paul.

Early Sunday morning the wind gods blessed us and gave us a great sail home with only 1 tack needed to get to Baltimore Light. It turned out to be a weekend not to be missed so put this on your calendar and join us next year.



Special Membership Notices and Announcements

Welcome new members!

By Peggy Poe

Ahoy new members!!! Be sure to come out to the August events. What fun!

NEW ITEMS IN THE SHIP'S STORE

Submitted by Debbie Lund, Storekeeper First Class

The new shirts for 2010 are micropique moisture wicking polo shirts with MRSA embroidered logo. They are light blue and come in women and men sizes. See the new shirts at the August Picnic. These shirts will keep you cool this summer. The price is \$30.00. I also have new denim shirts for \$35.00. If you can't come to the picnic and want a shirt or other items from the ship's store, please call Debbie Lund at 410-544-2551.

SHIP'S STORE INVENTORY REDUCTION SALE

Prices are reduced on some items of the ships store.

Lunch box- reduced to \$15
Cup- reduced to \$8
Light blue T-shirts- reduced to \$12
Green and yellow T-shirts- reduced to \$5.00
Blue Jackets- reduced to \$45.00

Other items available:

Burgee- \$18.00
Hat- \$15.00
White long sleeve wicking shirts- \$30.00
Stickers- \$1.00

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. But not this month – too much other good stuff to report.



Racing Corner

New Racing Article – Next month....



Joe Berchielli, Race Committee Chair



Junior Sailing Program – Ages 9 - 16

Junior Training 2010 a success! Plans in work for 2011.

By Zoe Forsyth, Fleet Captain Junior Training

Questions? Contact Zoe Forsyth at 410-315-9548 or junior_training@magothysailing.com.



Oh, By the Way

MRSA members met in western New York at the St. Bonaventure University Alumni Reunion in early June. Joe Tierney (class of '60) and his wife, Madeleine, met up with Gabriella Belli (class of '70) and her husband, Bob Krapfel (not pictured).

While there was no sailing, it was a fun weekend meeting up with old

classmates and renewing friendships. Meeting up with new MRSA friends was an added bonus! It truly is a small world.



Corsica Photos – John Baumert, Mike & Annette Mullarky, Lynne Fisher; the “Bitter Creek” band.



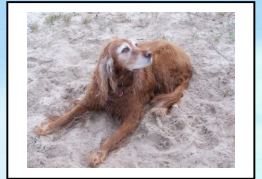
“...and they're off!” photo by The Poes while serving as Committee Boat Wednesday, “the 14th of July, fireworks in the sky...”

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