



# The Old Man

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The Monthly Newsletter of the Magothy River Sailing Association

Due to a computer “glitch,” your copy of The Old Man may look different to you this time. Not to worry – same top quality verbiage and photos as always. Same – but different? (*How does he do such magical things??!!*)

## Calendar of Upcoming Events

**Dec 2, Thursday: December Membership Meeting & Election of Officers for 2011.**

Wine – Cheese - Finger Food pot luck.

Location: Podickory Point Marina – directions on next page.

**Dec 11, Saturday: Parade of Lights, Annapolis Harbor**

**January 22, 2011, Saturday: Tentative Commodore’s Ball date at GIYC (think snow)**

## Commodore Comments – Goose Cruise ... and Volunteer



*By Wes McNair, Commodore*

I thought I would exercise Commodore’s discretion this month and combine my monthly “Comments” column with a cruise report. After staring at the “TBD” in the cruise leader column for the annual Goose Cruise all year, Sheryl and I volunteered to take it on for a no-frills trip to see what waterfowl we could scare up.

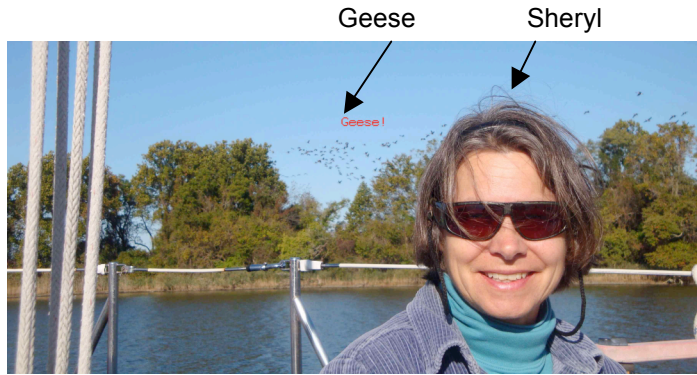
The destination was the Corsica River, a favorite spot for many years, for the weekend of October 16-17. You may remember that weekend, as it was gloriously clear but with winds blowing 25-30 knots as *Merlin* left the dock. Fortunately, the wind was out of the west-northwest so downwind we went at a fast clip. *Min Van IV* checked in on the radio to confirm the cruise was still on. Once out in the bay, contact was made with *Frequent Flyer* – with the Bonhams out in front, running about 15 minutes ahead. She continued on across, bravely beating down a messy chop that had developed off Love Point (as it is prone to do in such conditions). It was at the height of the wind and waves that **FF** decided to peel north instead for the protected waters of

Swan Creek. Alas, they took the Pumpkin Pie with them.

Having smoothed the waters for us, *Min Van IV* and *Merlin* headed up the Chester for the planned destination. Between us, we were flying a full set of sails in heavy air . . . the Lunds never needed the genoa that day, and the McNairs never raised the main. It was a great sail! Sadly, this was the first cruise without Honey, wonder dog of the Lund’s. Honey was truly a leading MRSA cruiser for many years, and will be surely missed by us all.

Sunday we all awoke to another beautiful day, and lighter (read: more appropriate for sailing) winds. We were able to sail most of the return trip, rolling up outside the mouth of the Magothy after a great beat. Rare is the cruise with great sailing both ways, and lucky was our small group to enjoy it.

Please note also that we have two openings on the Board for next year. If you would like to dip your paddle a little deeper into MRSA, please give me a call.



**Upcoming Cruises and Events**

**Thursday, December 6 Election of Officers for 2011 – 1900 at Podickory Point Yacht & Beach Club**

So you thought elections were over in November, not so! MRSA will elect new officers on December 2. Since election laws do not apply, we will have a “Wine and Cheese Party” to turn out the vote.

Soft drinks and beer will be available, but we need you to bring a bottle of your favorite wine along with cheese and/or other appetizer to share. The Club doors will open at 6 PM and the run on appetizers should start about 6:30.

The nominating committee has put for the following slate for 2011:

Commodore	Jon Mullarky	<i>Please bring your favorite wine, cheese, and finger food to share... (or get rid of...).</i>
Vice Commodore	<b>TBD</b>	
Rear Commodore	Joe Berchielli	
Fleet Captain Cruising	<b>TBD</b>	
Fleet Captain Junior Training	Zoe Forsyth	
Secretary	Donna Paden	
Treasurer	Jim McCutchan	
Fleetmaster	Dave Kemp	

Additional nominations may be made from the floor only with prior consent of the nominee.

**Driving directions to the Podickory Point Marina:**

**Choice A:** Take Ritchie Highway (RT 2) to College Parkway. Proceed to the end of College Parkway, straight through the light at Cape Saint Claire Road and onto East College Parkway. Continue on East College Parkway past the 7-11 and the PNC Bank to parallel RT 50/301 about 2 miles to turn left at Log Inn Road.

- Go straight on Log Inn Road (changes name to Tydings Road) a little over one mile. (Watch for deer!) Turn right on Bay Front Terrace and continue about a quarter mile. Turn right at the sign/gate for Podickory Point Marina. Park in any unreserved spot, go to the clubhouse, and enjoy the view of Baltimore and Sandy Point Lights – and the Bay Bridge.

**Choice B:** Take RT 50/301 toward the Bay Bridge. Take the last exit before the toll: Exit 32. Turn left at the end of the ramp to cross over RT 50/301. Turn Left on East College Parkway and go about a quarter mile to right on Log Inn Road. (Then follow Log Inn Road directions above.)

**Saturday, December 11 – Annapolis Parade of Lights**

Every December the Eastport Yacht Club kicks off the Holiday season with a spectacular parade of lighted boats lighting up Annapolis Harbor. This year’s event, starting at 6:00 PM, on Saturday, December 11 will delight you with spectacular vessels and Holiday revelers. **MRSA does not have an entry this year but you still need to come to see the amazing light shows on the water and enjoy this Festive Annapolis Tradition.**

As we have done in the past, MRSA will host a hospitality and warming room for all our members and their guests at the Annapolis Marriott Waterfront. We expect be in room 514. Come early and bring your favorite hors d’oeuvres to share. We will have cold and warm drinks available.

As you may know, it is difficult to find parking in Annapolis proper. We recommend that you park in Eastport, across the Spa Creek Bridge and walk to the Marriott. Allow extra time because of the traffic in Annapolis. Please let Jon Mullarky know if you will be attending. No special due date for the RSVP, but in time to make adequate preparations. You can reach him at vice\_commodore@magothysailing.com or 410-604-3502.

## Tall Tales of Past Cruises and Events

### **Baltimore and Fells Point Cruise Wrap-Up, October 2 – 3**

Contributed by Homer and Sherry Sandridge

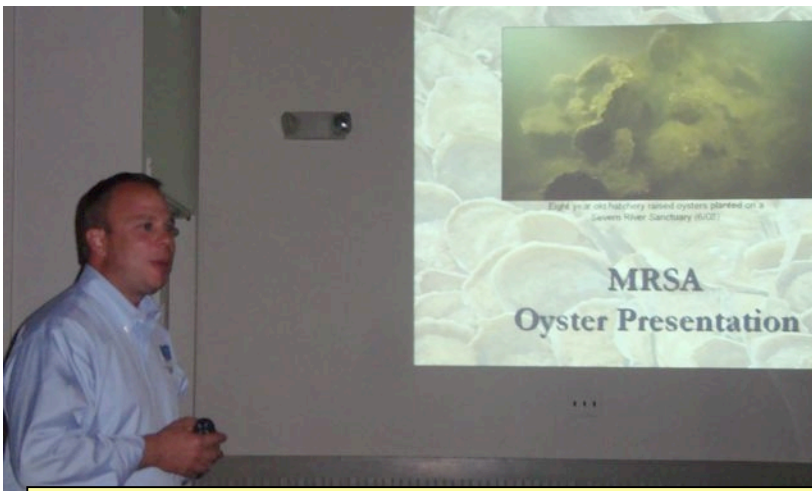
After keeping watch over our boats during Nicole's havoc on Thursday and Friday, the weather cleared nicely for our sail to Baltimore on Saturday morning. *Blue Moon* with Norm and Christine Poulsen; *Min Van IV* with Debra and John Lusk; and *Tide Dancer* with Sherry and Homer Sandridge made the journey to the Anchorage Marina. Saturday turned out to be a perfect October day where we joined thousands of people attending the Fells Point Festival. Great food, hundreds of vendors, and a shaded beer garden were highlights. The Poulsen's hosted a great happy hour on Blue Moon. We were joined by Gabriella Belli and Bob Krapfel and Sigi & Myron Dorf.

On Sunday morning we joined with a nice group from the Chesapeake Bristol Club for a fabulous brunch including shrimp & grits, sausage & peppers, waffles, baked apples and many other great dishes. Facing winds gusting up to 25 knots and waves cresting as much as 3' made our sail home far faster and more exciting than our sail up.

(Please note, Debbie did not grow her hair longer and is not wearing two caps at the MRSA/Bristol brunch.)



### **Oct 7, Thursday: October Membership Meeting**



The October meeting was at the Podickory Point Marina, a new venue right on the Bay between the Magothy and the Bay Bridge. The 25 or so attending were treated to Jon Mullarky's lavish pizza buffet with additional appetizers and ample pleasantries all around. The featured speaker was Stephan Abel Executive Director of the Oyster Recovery Partnership. Stephen had an excellent slide show covering everything about oyster recovery from history - through salinity, algae, and climate - and on to politics and money. (Unfortunately, no oysters for eating though.) Support your local oysters and their Oyster Recovery Program!

Stephan Abel from the Oyster Recovery Partnership.

Please see more photos at the end of this newsletter.

## **MRSA Trophy Party – October 20, 2010**

*Submitted by Joe Berchielli*

The annual MRSA Trophy Party was held at the Gibson Island Boathouse on Wednesday, October 20. The festive evening featured plenty of food and beverages, and a beautiful sunset on the river for the 150 - 200 in attendance.

Awards presented included the following:

### 2010 Wednesday Night:

Magothy Cup for best Spinnaker boat - "Ole Yella", Jim Gary, Skipper

Magothy Cup for best Non-Spin boat - "Beagle", Colin MacKenzie, Skipper

Best-In-Fleet, A - "Chaos", Tom Price, Skipper

Best-In-Fleet, B - "Bella Donna", Angelo Guarino, Skipper

Best-In-Fleet, C/D - "Ole Yella", Jim Gary, Skipper

Best-In-Fleet, Non-Spin 1 - "Beagle", Colin MacKenzie, Skipper

Best-In-Fleet, Non-Spin 2 - "Hadley Movin' ", Collin Jones, Skipper

PHOTOS  
at  
the end  
of  
the Old Man.

### 2009 Hallie Rice Fall Series:

First Place, Spinnaker - "Ultra Violet", Dave Prucnal, Skipper

First Place, Non-Spin - "Endless Summer", Alan Weiss, Skipper

### 2010 Spring Classic

First Place, PHRF NS - "Incommunicado", Ed Tracey, Skipper

First Place, Catalina 27 - "Slam Duck", Walsh/Potvin, Skippers

Thanks to all who contributed their time and effort to produce this event including Roger Bartholomee, Eric Cochran, Jack and Nancy Peters, Ed and Peggy Poe, Angelo Guarino, Mike and Annette Mullarky, Tom Price --- and the good folks at Gibson Island!

## **T'was the Night before Halloween**

And eighteen MRSA members gathered at the Cheshire Crab for comradeship, food, and music. Most came by land yacht, but hearty sailors on four boats came by sea. The boaters included Rich and Toni Hughes on *Fantastic*, Dick and Marianne Kammann on *Renaissance*, the McNairs on *Merlin*, and the Lunds on *Min Van IV*. Dick and Marianne exemplified the Halloween spirit by arriving in Potato Head costumes. What a great evening to officially end the MRSA season.

## **Special Membership Notices and Announcements**

### **Jack's Favorite has been launched!**

*By Thunder!*

Al Picardi, MRSA member for 15+ years, is pleased to announce the launching of *Jack's Favorite*, a historical novel about the unsung heroes of the American Revolution - smugglers, called "pirates" by the Royal Navy.

Picture yourself in a midnight backwater rendezvous, desperate sea chases, smuggler's coves & cathouses, press gangs and waterfront riots: it's 1770 and rebellion smolders. Once a gentleman's sport, smuggling has become a necessity. The stakes are high; capture by the Royal Navy means forfeiture of ship and fortune. Smuggling Captain Nathaniel Harte joins high-spirited Anne Easton for a daring rescue attempt in Jamaica, where

the pirate Deadlight Helms, heroic Windward Maroons, a foul-mouthed parrot, Obeah magic, a corrupt governor, and the relentless Royal Navy make for swashbuckling adventure.

The first shots of the American Revolution were fired by the British Navy at colonial smugglers, long before the skirmishes at Lexington and Concord.

In 1763 the instructions to Captain Walter Stirling of the Royal Navy frigate *Rainbow*, on station from Cape Henlopen to Cape Henry, were to guard the coast and secure trade against "pirates and others." Since there had been precious few "pirates" in American waters since 1724, this meant the Royal Navy had open season on colonial smugglers.

"This insurrection is composed of great numbers of Sailors headed by Captains of Privateers, and other Ships; Inhabitants of the Town joined by many who come in from the Neighboring Country and Provinces..."

– General Gage, dispatch to London from New York, November 4, 1765

A quick reviewer's comment: "This story of a Chesapeake Sea Captain operating under the nose, and sometimes under the guns of the British Navy, is a great story that is both historically and technically accurate. Great read; couldn't put it down and can't wait for the next part of this tale!"

- Chesapeake Bay sailor.

*Jack's Favorite* is now officially launched, and can be had directly from <https://wwwcreatespace.com/3449810>. The website for *Jack's Favorite* is also up (albeit still on the ways) and will direct you to the same site for a copy: [www.jacksfavorite.webs.com](http://www.jacksfavorite.webs.com). Also available on Kindle: Kindle E-book <http://www.amazon.com/dp/B0046LUZUE>.

And now, and *Old Man* exclusive from the Author:

"We were (and still are) members of the MRSA for 15+ years, cruising and hosting cruises aboard *Niche*, a Catalina/Morgan 454. We hosted several memorable Goose Cruises with pirates and jellyfish swarming the decks. Many people remember our double-ended rowing dory we used as a tender (my design and build). *Niche* is now for sale, and we are temporarily inactive members.

"I have been a student of boat design, American small craft and sailing ships, and a boat builder for over 40 years, and have designed and built many small craft. As I learned the history of the development of American sailing vessels, I found the stories behind the ships fascinating. I did years of research into the colonial era, not only the ships; but the details of the everyday life of the common people. Those are the characters in my historical novel *Jack's Favorite*; everyday common folk who did extraordinary things in the course of their lives.

"Of course learning to write a good story is a craft in itself. After years of consulting for the World Bank and writing environmental reports, I figured I should strike out on my own to combine writing with my avocation.

"I had a lot of help along the way, not the least of which came from MRSA members. My sailing and well-read friends Chuck Beck and Jeff Fones gave much of their time and provided wonderful advice.

"By thunder folks say it's a good read now!" - Al

## **[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. We also have new denim shirts for \$35.00.

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

## [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.

### **Boat Slip available on Cornfield Creek**

In-water, private boat slip available on Cornfield Creek for winter season 2010-2011. Call Mike Bonham for details at 410-439-0507.

### **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

### **13' Boston Whaler Sport – 2002 – Like new! SOLD.**

## **Racing Corner**

### ***PHRF of the Chesapeake Annual Meeting***

***Saturday, 20 November 2010, at the Annapolis Yacht Club***

*Submitted by Mike Mullarky, PHRF Delegate, MRSA*

The PHRF of the Chesapeake annual meeting is coming up; this year there are a couple of game-changing proposals to be considered. I'll summarize them, but also encourage you to read the full proposals at <http://www.phrfchesbay.com/annmtg2010agdaltr.pdf> .

1. Lower the renewal fees by \$5. Costs are down, and the organization is in solid financial shape. Should be a slam-dunk.
2. Class splits (for Sanctioned Events -- the 'Bay' races). <110 A, 110-145 B, 145> C. Current is <116 A, 116-154 B, 154> C.....moving a few boats on the borders. Bumble Bee becomes an A boat is the only change that I see in the Magothy-based boats. No strong opinion here.
3. Non-spinnaker ratings. All boats are given ratings based on their performance using spinnakers. When some (say an Antrim 27, with a small jib) participate in a non-spinnaker class, their performance relative to other boats (say a J/35, with a 155% genoa) changes.....but their ratings do not. This proposal would establish NS ratings to even out this inequity -- a rating that would be used when the boat competes in a NS class. I'm in favor in principle, but concerned about some of the details. (Will the Handicappers be forced to rate all 1,000+ boats before April?)
4. Close a loophole in the rules regarding mizzen staysails. I doubt that there will be much discussion.....
5. Region 1 wants to add Gov Cup, Solomons, St. Michael's and the August Oxford races as Wild Cards. I'm leaning against it -- there are already four Wild Card events, and Region 1 and Region 2 (us) can use each other's races as High Point qualifiers.
6. Clarifying equipment level requirements for sanctioned races, probably just for the Southern Bay. If that's what they want, I'll support it.
7. Southern Bay proposal to eliminate the CBYRA membership requirement to qualify for High Point. I'm against -- because it isn't our requirement to remove. High Point is a CBYRA award, and they set the requirements.....including mandatory membership. Take it up with the CBYRA representatives, not PHRF.
8. **The big one.** There is Annapolis-based pressure to reduce the number of High Point events. Proponents

believe that reducing the number will increase participation in the races that remain (probable), and increase participation in the races that are no longer High Point events (this I question) -- by opening the races up to other classes and less serious participants. The proposal is to put the scheduling into the hands of a committee that would choose a limited number of events and prevent schedule conflicts. (Side note: as it is defined in the proposal, I'd be on that committee.) I'm concerned that the geographical area is too broad (Solomon's and Middle River couldn't hold High Point events on the same weekend!), is being implemented quickly (the 2011 schedule is already set, so clubs have lost the opportunity to move events a week or two), and may not have been completely thought through.

9 & 10. Election of Officers and Appointments. Slam-dunk, except that the Southern Bay needs someone to step forward and be their VP.

Feel free to share your thoughts on these, or other, PHRF matters.

### **[MRSA Trophy Party 2010](#)**

*Submitted by Joe Berchielli*

See article above under "past cruises and events." Pictures below.

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

#### ***Junior Training 2010 & 2011 -***

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

### **Oh, By the Way...**

#### ***When the Music Stopped...***

*Submitted by A Friend. Written by Chaplain Jim Higgins LSA Anaconda, Ballad Airport, Iraq, north of Baghdad. Special report to the MRSA Old Man, celebrating the "eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month" of 1918.*

I recently attended a showing of *Superman 3* here at LSA Anaconda in a large auditorium. As is the custom at all military bases, we stood to attention when the National Anthem began before the main feature. (For those who are unaware, at all military base theaters, the National Anthem is played before the movie begins.) All was going well until three-quarters of the way through The National Anthem, the music stopped.

Now, what would happen if this occurred with 1,000 18-22 year-olds back in the States? I imagine there would be hoots, catcalls, laughter, a few rude comments, and everyone would sit down and yell for the movie to begin. Of course, that is, if they had stood for the National Anthem in the first place.

Here in Iraq, 1,000 Soldiers continued to stand at attention, eyes fixed forward. The music started again and the Soldiers continued to quietly stand at attention. But again, at the same point, the music stopped. What would you expect 1000 Soldiers standing at attention to do?? Frankly, I expected some laughter, and everyone would eventually sit down and wait for the movie to start. But No!!... You could have heard a pin drop, while every Soldier continued to stand at attention.

Suddenly, there was a lone voice from the front of the auditorium, then a dozen voices, and soon the room was filled with the voices of a thousand soldiers, finishing where the recording left off:

*"...and the rockets' red glare, the bombs bursting in air,  
gave proof through the night that our flag was still there.  
Oh, say does that Star Spangled Banner yet wave,  
o'er the land of the free, and the home of the brave."*



It was the most inspiring moment I have had in Iraq and I wanted you to know what kind of Soldiers are serving you. Enjoy your Veterans Day Holiday.



Trophy Party – Standing  
Oyster Party – Sitting.

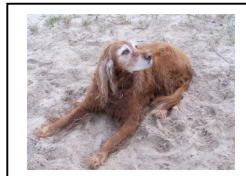


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**Treasure the Chesapeake!**



The Old Dog



Picture by Bill Paul.

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