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The Monthly Newsletter of the Magothy River Sailing Association

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Calendar of Upcoming Events

- March 1: Look for **Junior Sailing Applications on the Web Site**
- March 13, Sunday, 11 AM: **March Brunch, Café Mezzanote (Severna Park)**
with speaker/author – plus **Pick Up Your Redbook!**
- April 7, Thursday, 6:30 PM: **April Membership Meeting, Hellas Restaurant**
with **Sailing Hall of Fame Speaker!**

Commodore's Comments

– SPRING: a time for boat preparations

By Jon Mullarky, Commodore



In just a few weeks SPRING will officially be here, bringing an end to the long winter. For those of us of Irish decent, March brings St Patrick' Day. For we sailors March is the time to get ready for the sailing season.

On March 1st the Registration Forms for MRSA's Junior Sailing Program will be available on the MRSA website. If you have a Junior Sailor to enroll in the program get

your registration in early. The class is limited to 40 students.

One of our most popular meetings is our annual March Brunch. This year's event will take place on Sunday, March 13 at Café Mezzanote. **The speaker is MRSA's own Al Picardi, author of Jack's Favorite**, a newly published novel centered around smuggling in colonial days. **The 2011 RED BOOK** will be available at the brunch. Let Toni Hughes know you will be at the brunch by E-mailing her at fatastc@comcast.net.

Hopefully March will bring some pleasant days for outside boat work. If you have your boat in a yard or marina, new Maryland environmental regulations will impact the preparation of your boat bottom, your choice of bottom paint and the cleaning materials you can use. (See article later in this newsletter for a rundown.) Other tasks, like changing engine filters, flushing the fresh water system, inspecting standing and running rigging, and installing sails are routine, but don't forget some other important items. An article in the March issue of Cruising World Magazine discusses preparations should the Coast Guard single your boat out for boarding and inspection. According to the article, the most common violations for recreational vessels are lack of adequate life jackets, non-functioning fire extinguishers, and expired flares. These are all items that you should check before you get underway for your first sail of the year. Also check your first aid kit. Maryland Marine Police will be looking for valid registration stickers on your boat. Remember it came in the mail last December, but it will do you no good if it's on your desk at home when the police officer pulls alongside on the water! If your boat is documented by the US Coast Guard, you must have the ORIGINAL of your valid document on board.

Winter is coming to an end. It's time to get ready to sail again.



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Upcoming Cruises & Events

March Membership Meeting and Brunch with The Red Book - Sunday, March 13, 11 AM, in Severna Park

Submitted by Toni Hughes, cruise leader

Come one and all to hear our own Al Picardi discuss his new book **Jack's Favorite** at our March Brunch at



Located at 760 Ritchie Highway, Severna Park.

Time: 1100

Cost: Adults \$32.00 Children (17 and under) \$11.00

Please RSVP to Toni Hughes: fantastc@comcast.net or 410-224-4155 not later than Wednesday, March 9.

Members - - - this is your opportunity to pick up the 2011 edition of **The RED BOOK**.

April Membership Meeting – Thursday, April 7, 6:30 PM at Hellas Restaurant, Millersville

The Annapolis area is rich in sailing history. Our vast wealth of history ranges from the burial site of John Paul Jones to our own world renowned sailor Gary Jobson. Just as sailing has kept our area alive we plan to keep that history alive with the sailing hall of fame. Our speaker for the evening will be Lee Tawney Executive Director of the Sailing Hall of Fame. Plan to come and hear the latest developments and progress for this important landmark in Annapolis. Cost \$ 30. Please RSVP to Peggy Poe by Monday, April 4.



Tall-Tales of Past Cruises and Events

Race Planning Meeting – Wednesday, February 16, 6:30 PM at the Belvedere Yacht Club

*Submitted by Joe Berchielli,
immediate past race
planning person*



The 2011 Race Planning Meeting was held at the Belvedere Yacht Club on February 16, with approximately 40

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attendees on hand to enjoy pizza and refreshments.

Items discussed included:

1. All racers are urged to submit their Race Entry Forms, PHRF (or CMA) Certificates **before** the due date of April 11, to Michael Albert, who is assisting with RC duties. It is a requirement that a racer have submitted these before participating in Wednesday Night Racing.
2. The Race Entry Fee has been raised from \$100 to \$110.
3. Class splits will remain the same as last year.
4. Wednesday Night Race Committees are urged to set long starting lines. Guidelines call for a minimum length of 1.5 times the total sum of the overall length of the largest MRSA class participating that evening. This would usually require a minimum length of 150 to 200 yards. One MRSA racer suggests the use of a laser range finder to set the line length. One which might work and is reasonable in price is the Simmons Hunter Laser Rangefinder. It features 4X power and has a range of 600 yds. Info is available at www.gandermountain.com (Item # 430985).
5. The 2011 PHRF rating application has an important change. Some boats will be assigned 2 different ratings for spin and non-spin. If the applicant plans to race both spin and non-spin, he must check the appropriate box on the PHRF application form to receive the rating for each.

Special thanks to all those who helped with the meeting, including Peggy Poe, Ed Poe, Mark Kahler, Mike Albert, and Jim Wilson ... and the folks at the Belvedere Yacht Club for the use of their fine facility.

Cruise Planning Party

Submitted by Myron Dorf

To no one's surprise, MRSA members proved they are always ready to party as about 35 people showed up at the Belvedere Yacht Club for the great food, good company, and anticipation of getting back on the water for some good cruising. After consuming the food, sampling the assortment of beverages, and eating the cake - but leaving the picture of *Beatlejeaux* intact for Jon - it was down to the business of signing up as cruise leaders. With no threats of violence we were able to fill all slots except two.

It promises to be a busy season with something for everyone. There are 21 cruises - from an afternoon in Eagle Cove to 2 weeks on the Bay. Also many of the cruises will be accessible by land yacht so there's no excuse for not joining in the fun. Be sure to check the Red Book or the website for the complete list and put them on your calendar.

We were joined by 4 guests who have now become new members and we're looking forward to having them join our cruises and activities. They are Bill Taylor, Stephania Braham, Peter & Desiree Williams. Welcome aboard.

The Ship's Store run by Debbie Lund was kept busy selling MRSA goodies to members who are always looking for gift ideas for friends, spouses, themselves, or their boats. After



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RESERVATIONS REQUIRED or REQUESTED FOR:

*- Commodore's Ball –
by Friday, January 14
via RSVP card or to
the Commodore*

PHOTO CREDITS:

*Special thanks to all
the people who will be
taking pictures this
year for The Old Man!*

all, boats appreciate gifts too.

A special thanks to Jim and Verna Wilson for making the Belvedere YC available and to all those who helped with the set up and clean up. It certainly makes the job easier.

Looking forward to seeing you on many cruises!



Special Membership Notices and Announcements

Junior Training Summer Sailing Course

- Registrations start 3/1/11

- Commitments start 4/1/11

By Zoe Forsyth, Fleet Captain Junior Training

Planning is underway for the 2011 Junior Training Sailing course, scheduled to be held from Monday June 20 through Friday July 1 at the Grachur Club. It is open to children and grandchildren of MRSA and Grachur Club families, and to non-affiliated youth. Additional information about the course, and registration procedures, can be found on the MRSA website in the "Juniors" bin.

Necessary forms (3): the Registration Form, Release Form, and Medical Waiver form are scheduled to be posted on the MRSA website

(www.magothysailing.com/bin/junior.php) **on March 1, 2011, and will also be available in the 2011 Redbook. See the website for complete registration information; only 2011 forms will be accepted. Act quickly, since this course usually fills fast!** Grachur and MRSA members must have their applications submitted and received prior to April 1, 2011 in order to receive their priority status over non-member families. Commitments to members will start on April 1. Applications received after April 1, 2011 will be enrolled in order of receipt, space-permitting.

The cost is the same as last year, \$260 for MRSA and Grachur Club junior sailors and \$330 for non-club members. The course will follow the US Sailing text "Start Sailing Right." Again this year, parents will be expected to help on-site with the course for one day for each child from their family. Help will also be needed with boat preparation, and with the Closing Picnic and Awards Ceremony.

For More Information, call Zoe Forsyth (410-315-9548) or Joe Tierney (410-544-1723) or E-mail your questions to: junior_training@magothysailing.com.

Again, if you are interested in having your kids attend the sailing course, be sure to go to the website NOW and send your applications in as soon as possible.

Welcome new members AND prospective members!

Submitted by Peggy Poe, Membership Chairman

Say hello to our new members! They are ready to race and cruise, and to introduce their children to the many wonders of sailing on the Magothy. Some are new to MRSA and some are returning members that many of us know and are glad to welcome back.

First, we welcome back Joanne and Bill Trepp. The Trepps were members a number of years ago and are returning to us again. Living in Severna Park, they ply the Magothy on *Miss Curious*, a C-Dory 25.

Neighbors of the Dorfs, Stephania Braham and Bill Taylor attended both the August picnic and just recently the Winter Planning Party. They decided to join us and we're glad to

have them. Stephania and Bill own a Mainship 34 named *Falcon*.

Desiree and Peter Williams also attended the Winter Planning Party. They sat across the table from Rich and Toni Hughes and compared notes on cruising with 4 children on their Catalina 27, *Gray Goose*. Desiree and Peter have four children: Dylan, fifteen, Bella, thirteen, Duncan ten, and Sofia, six. They are interested in Junior Training.

Ed Poe was glad to meet Fritz and Carol Policelli at the Race Planning meeting. Ed is hoping that he can put Fritz to work as crew this year on *Capricious*. Fritz and Carol live in Arnold and have three children: Matt, sixteen, Daniel, thirteen, and Stephen nine. They are also interested in Junior Training.

Welcome aboard to the Trepps, Stephania Braham & Bill Taylor, the Williams, and the Policellis!

[New Maryland Environmental Permits – effective March 1](#)

Submitted by Jon Mullarky, Commodore

On March 1st the Maryland Department of the Environment's new discharge permit for Boat Yards will go into effect. It provides revised criteria for waste and storm water discharges to the waters of Maryland from establishments that repair, clean or maintain aquatic vessels and equipment, or allow for similar service to be rendered on their property.

How will this new discharge regulation impact us as boat owners who use boat yards or keep our boats in marinas? According to Ken Broman at Oak Harbor Marina, yards and marinas will begin to phase in more stringent storm water management that must be completed by 2013. Some of the requirements include:

- All cleaning materials used on or near the water must be "PHOSPHATE-FREE". This includes boat cleaning, dish washing, and personal use. THERE CAN BE NO SOAPY WATER DISCHARGE.
- Bilge water may not contain anything but water from the Bay. Any chemicals will have to be removed and properly disposed.
- NO HEAD DISCHARGE. (No surprise there.)
- No sanding, paint remover or use of caustic chemicals while the vessel is in or over the water.
- Dustless sanding is now mandated on the marina property. Owners will be responsible for complete cleanup of any residual materials.
- The use of ablative paints is being phased out.
- Ablative paints of any kind CANNOT be cleaned while the vessel is in the water.
- Divers may replace zincs, but used zincs must be brought ashore for proper disposal.

Ken notes that waters in and around his marina will be monitored and tested on a monthly time schedule by the Maryland Department of Environment.

While the new regulations apply directly to marinas and boat yards, we as boaters who enjoy the Chesapeake Bay are also responsible for protecting it.

[2011 State of the Magothy River Meeting – February 16](#)

Condensed and edited from various Magothy River Association Announcements

The Magothy River Association held its eighth annual "State of the Magothy River" presentation on Wednesday, February 16, 2011 at the Anne Arundel Community College. The meeting featured the annual Magothy River Index (since 2003) – a subjective grading of the environmental health of the river.

In 2005 the Magothy River had 308 acres of submerged aquatic vegetation. Today we

have only 2 acres! Our river's health now has dropped to a D minus. Mr. Paul Spadaro, longtime and very dedicated MRA President is quoted as saying:

"The enjoyment of the Magothy for us today and for future generations depends on us reversing the river's failing grades. We can and will become better stewards. We cannot sit back and assume that someone else will heal the river. Working together, we can restore our river."

In addition to the Index, speakers covered such topics as: phytoplankton studies; algae blooms; rezoning issues; and the Manhattan Beach storm water restoration project. (The rezoning presentation was given by Russ Stevenson, who attended the MRSA Ledo Pizza membership meeting last year where his brother, Bob Stevenson, gave a presentation on the Thomas Point Lighthouse.) Numerous displays, posters, and "touchy-feely" highlighted several areas of interest. Support the MRA.



Racing Corner

Please note that although There is not a MRSA Race Committee Chair YET this year, racers can be a big help:

Submit your Race Entry Form, Fee (\$110) and 2011 PHRF Certificates ASAP. Racers are reminded of the requirement that a racer submit these before participating in Wednesday Night Racing. (Form is printed below.)

Volunteer for RC duty ASAP. The available race dates are posted on the MRSA website. Timely completion of these items will insure a successful racing season. See also the highlights of the Race Planning Meeting on page 2.



Junior Sailing Program – Ages 9 - 16

[Junior Training 2011 – Anticipation building – Exciting!](#)

By Zoe Forsyth, Fleet Captain Junior Training



[Summer Sailing for your kids](#)
[... Registrations start March 1 for](#)
[Sailing Camp June 20 – July 1,](#)
[2011](#)

been a waiting list every year.

Grachur and MRSA members must have their applications submitted and received by the Members Priority Registration Date in order to receive their priority status over non-member families.

For More Information, see article on page 3 and call Zoe Forsyth (410-315-9548) or Joe Tierney (410-544-1723) or E-mail to junior_training@magothysailing.com.



Oh, By the Way

Racing Form Below – Required for Magothy Racing

More “Oh, By the Way” – Local Restaurants News

- skillfully edited from various recent Annapolis Capital articles. – ED

Remember Windows on the Bay? How about Tall Oaks? They have morphed and gained a sibling. OK, maybe “sibling” is a stretch. In any case, we lost Windows and Oaks and we are about to have three restaurants replace them.

Former partners at Windows on the Bay (at White Rocks Marina), Dennis Walz and Mark Morgan are each opening their own separate restaurants – amicably. Mr. Waltz “reopened” Tall Oaks just before Christmas at the original Tall Oaks location with a former Windows employee. As expected, the place is more upscale than the original Tall Oaks, renovated carefully inside and out, but with a lot of the old familiar left on view. Mr. Morgan plans to open Two Rivers Steak and Fish House this summer in Lake Shore Plaza. Mr. Morgan was the executive chef at Windows – and will be at the new place. With that pedigree, “fish house” may be more of a cute name than a price indicator – though the owners vow the restaurant will be “affordable.” Mr. Morgan is co-owner with the owner of the Cancun Cantina and another local businessman.

And finally, The Green Turtle is prancing into Pasadena. (“Prancing” is a stretch, even for a turtle’s neck.) The location is not known to The Old Man yet, but the owner is County Councilman Derek Fink. The Turtle plans a summer opening. (Pun intended.)

Downy Oshen in Winter

Submitted by Kathy Polk, water person.

We are “water people”, and love any activities having to do with water year round. Summers on the Bay are wonderful, and winters in the Caribbean are nice as well. Unfortunately, time and money are serious concerns for us so the Caribbean is a rare treat. However, just two hours away is the great ocean Mecca – Ocean City, Maryland. Three years ago we used the occasion of our 40th wedding anniversary (February 10) to enjoy winter water fun.

We arrived at the Dunes Manor Hotel about 7:30 pm after a pleasant two hour drive from the Bay Bridge. The Route 50 bridge into downtown OC was closed for repairs, so we used the northern route. Luckily, there were signs posted for drivers. The Dunes came highly recommended, and we weren’t disappointed. It is clean, well maintained, with a friendly staff, and comes with an “old-style” sort of grace and charm. There was a piano in the main lobby with a group of crooners enjoying a sing-along. Because of our late arrival, we elected to eat in the “Victorian Room” just off the Main Lobby. It overlooks a large wrap-around porch complete with rocking chairs. Just past the porch are the sand dunes and surf. While the napkins were linen, the flowers were plastic; but the general ambiance is pleasant. We had a choice of “lite fare” (sandwiches, salads, soups) or a full dinner.

After dinner, we changed into our bathing suits and went to the indoor-outdoor pool off the Main Lobby. The pool is on the small size, but going in the winter has its advantages! There are much fewer people to have to contend with. Most amazing, about mid-way in the pool is a large “garage door” of glass. Between the pool water level and the door is a thick plastic curtain. With a little dive under the curtain, you find yourself outside with the sliver of a new moon and stars overhead. It was kind of like a giant hot tub that you could swim in. The pool temperature was about 85 degrees. It was a funky-fun feeling swimming outside in February! There is also a hot tub next to the pool inside that could

seat probably six or so. The pool is open 9am – 10pm.

Our room was a “corner queen” with double windows and a door opening onto a porch – ocean front. We also had a window looking south. We were just a block away from the end of the boardwalk, so it was interesting to watch that activity. The room was a comfortable size with a little table and chairs. There was also a refrigerator and microwave. Not to miss a minute of our ocean view, we leave the curtains open all night and wake to the orange sunrise. Imagine our surprise to see surfers both mornings as we woke up! Even in the winter, there were early walkers with their pets on the beach. At night, we could see the lights of distant boats. In newer, “glitzier” hotels, there are floor to ceiling windows. We had to kind of prop up with pillows to look over the window-sill to see the ocean.

We enjoyed breakfast in the Victorian room with a daylight view of the beach. There is a nice selection with choices from “heart healthy” to the decadent. We drove down to the inlet and just started walking. We thought about renting bikes – and they were available, but we were dressed in our “Michelin Man” parkas, hats, and gloves and it would have been awkward. It was sunny, but cold and windy. There’s a lot of “good and bad” about going to Ocean City in the winter. The “bad” thing is that most things are closed—or if you are like we are, that is a “good” thing. The traffic and crowds are negligible. There were t-shirts shops to see, Thrashers fries were as tempting as ever, and you could have all the candy and toffee anyone could possibly want. My only disappointment was that the kite store wasn’t open. That’s always fun. We had lunch at Harrison’s on the inlet. It was so relaxing enjoying crab soup, oysters, and tuna overlooking the churning inlet. My cream of crab soup was like lemon butter melted with chunks of crab. Yummy!

We enjoyed the pool and hot tub in the afternoon, but opted for a nap instead of the “high tea” offered complimentary in the lobby. Saturday night dinner was at Windows on the Bay. It is located just south of the Route 90 bridge. It is under new management, and they are only open on weekends in the winter. “In season” they have a very good piano player. While there were several people at the bar watching the Maryland game, we noticed that we were the only ones in the restaurant. The view overlooking Assawoman Bay, the food, and the service were all excellent.

Sunday we attended St. Paul’s By the Sea, a historic old Episcopal Church on Third Street. They have beautiful needlepoint kneelers with crabs, fish, and sea birds as well as gorgeous stained glass windows. One Palm Sunday we were there; and the entire congregation walked out of the church carrying palms, singing “All Glory Laud and Honor” and marching across the Boardwalk! (Our kids were mortified!)

We had hoped for another swim, but when we arrived at the pool after church, the extreme wind had blown the plastic off the garage door. The powerful wind chilled the air and the pool. Instead, after a little walk on the beach, check-out was 11am. Our plan was to have lunch in St. Michael’s on the way home. We were disappointed to find that St. Michael’s was also “closed for the season.” Instead, we had more delicious soup at the Narrows on Kent Island.

Even in the cold of winter, we can get a “water fix.” We did it again this year – this time at the Holiday Inn, 66th Street – AND the Holiday Inn, 17th Street. But that’s another story.



Treasure the Chesapeake!



Magothy River Race Entry Form

Competitor's Name: _____ Boat Name: _____
Street Address: _____ Sail Number: _____
City, State, Zip: _____ PHRF or CMA Rating: _____
Home Phone: _____ Model : _____
Work Phone: _____ E-mail Address: _____
Cell Phone: _____
Member club: _____ CBYRA Number: _____
US Sailing Number: _____

Select Class for Scoring for each race/series:

Series 1: Spin, Non-Spin, MH	Series 6: Spin, NS, F, MH
Series 2 Spin, Non-Spin, MH	Spring Classic: A,B,C/D,NS,J30
Series 3: Spin, Non-Spin, MH	
Series 4: Spin, Non-Spin, MH	HR Frostbite: S, NS, MH
Series 5: Spin, Non-Spin, MH	

This Boat conforms in every way to her Class Rules and Measurements. **A current Handicap Rating is on file with PHRF of the Chesapeake and is attached hereto**, or I have made specific alternate arrangements with the Race Committee Chair.

I agree to adhere to high standards of good sportsmanship and to abide by the regulations and sailing instructions for these events. In consideration of being permitted to enter these events, being knowledgeable of the risks of competitive sailing and knowing that it is my sole responsibility to decide whether to enter or to continue any race, I voluntarily assume the risk of participation in this event and release the Host Clubs MRSA, GIYS, PSA and YCCSC and the people conducting the event from all liability in connection with any injury or damage that may occur.

I agree to make my crew and myself available for training and, when called upon, to perform Race Committee duty.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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Picture by Bill Paul

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

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The Old Dog

