



# The Old Man

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The Monthly Newsletter of the Magothy River Sailing Association

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## Calendar of Upcoming Events

- **Every Wednesday, 6 PM: World Famous Wednesday Night Races on the Magothy!**  
**Y'all come!! Racers and spectators welcome!**
- **July 4 weekend: Cruise to the Choptank, Kirkendalls and Fireworks!**
- **July 16, Saturday, 2 PM: Dog Day Afternoon in Eagle Cove**
- **July 23-24, Sat – Sun: Corsica River Race/Cruise**
- **August 6-7, Sat – Sun: Worton Creek Cruise**

## **Commodore's Comments – Favorite Bay Cruising Places**

By Jon Mullarky, Commodore



Many of our MRSA members have spent a lot of time cruising the Chesapeake Bay. All of us cruisers spend time in a variety of gunk holes, rivers, creeks, towns and cities that abound around the Bay. I find it hard to say that any one place is my favorite. Almost all destinations are enjoyable and offer a wide variety of activities to fit the mood of the day. Here are some I really enjoy visiting:

**Dividing Creek off the Wye River.** This creek offers solitude, at least on weekdays. I'm fond of anchoring in the small, but deep, cove to the west just after you enter the creek. Evenings are a great time to watch the wild life along the shore.

**Turner Creek off the Sassafras River.** A bit challenging to get into, but once inside the creek offers a good anchorage, shelter, great scenery, and on shore a county park awaits you. Road out a storm in Turner Creek once and was fascinated watching the watermen load their catch of live eels into a tank-truck for shipment to Japan. Watermen told me that the Japanese love to eat the ugly Chesapeake eels.

**St. Michaels.** Who doesn't love to visit this town? Being a member of the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum, I always try to get a slip at the Museum dock. They have showers and it's fun to explore the museum grounds. A visit to St. Michaels would not be complete without lunch or dinner at the famous Crab Claw Restaurant.

**Oxford.** Another great town to visit. If you are lucky you may find an anchorage in Town Creek. Oxford has several good restaurants, but save room for desert. Scottish Highlands is acclaimed for having the best ice cream on the Eastern Shore.

**Solomons.** If you are headed down the Bay or back to the Magothy from Virginia shores, Solomon's Island is a convenient port of call. All kinds of provisions are available, and boat repairs done quickly and expertly at Zahniser's yard have salvaged several of my vacation trips.

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**St. Leonard Creek off the Patuxent River.** The creek is located seven miles upriver from Solomons, and offers some great anchorages. During the War of 1812, a British Squadron trapped a U.S. barge fleet lead by Commodore Joshua Barney in the creek. Barney was able to break out of the creek and move his barges up the river where they were scuttled and remain today. When I'm anchored in St. Leonard Creek I always think about Barney and his sailors.

I could go on, but, for those MRSA members who don't cruise regularly, I hope I have awakened your interest in visiting some of the wonderful places on the Bay. This month MRSA boats will cruise to the Choptank River and Oxford, Eagle Cove on the Magothy, and the Corsica River. Why not join in?

And for our experienced cruisers, why not help our *Old Man* Editor out and put together a short piece on your favorite Bay cruising destinations.

Jon



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## Upcoming Cruises & Events

### [Celebrate the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Weekend with MRSA July 2-3-4](#)

*Submitted by Al and Sue Kirkendall, Cruise Leaders*

The Weather Gods have promised a beautiful weekend for the Fourth of July festivities which will again take place on the Choptank River. Happy Hour will begin around 5:30 in Waterhole Cove aboard Flying Low on Saturday evening, July 2nd. The fireworks will be in Oxford this year on Sunday July 3<sup>rd</sup>. Sunday morning we will get together around 9:00 for a community Brunch prior to moving closer to the Oxford area (possibly Plaindealing Creek, The Strand or Trappe Creek). If interested, we will take a dingy ride into Oxford for dinner at Schooners Landing and if not, Happy Hour will be on Flying Low. As darkness approaches, we go by dingy or boat to a better viewing area for the fireworks. I will have my dingy anchor with me, if we want to raft the dinghies in the Tred Avon to watch the fireworks. If you do not have a dingy do not worry as there will be plenty of room for you on the others.

Waterhole Cove is directly above Dunn's Cove on Harris Creek. From wherever you enter the Choptank, head for the Red 2 mark at the entrance to Harris Creek and follow the marks past Dunn's Cove and into Waterhole Cove. Some charts indicate that it is difficult to get into the Cove; however, there is plenty of water and it is not a problem.

We are looking forward to great weekend and hope you can join us. Please contact Al or Sue at (410) 437-3630 or [alkirkendall@verizon.net](mailto:alkirkendall@verizon.net).

### [Dog Day Afternoon on the Magothy,](#)

[Saturday, July 16 - Eagle Cove](#)

*Submitted by Norm Poulson, Cruise Leader*

### **!!Attention Junior Sailors, Racers, Cruisers and New Sailors!!**

This is a fun event for all ages. Welcome Junior Sailors, or others new to sailing, onto your larger boat (definition - anything with ballast in the keel) and sail to Eagle Cove just north of Gibson Island. Detour to Baltimore Light or elsewhere on the way and show the juniors the differences between keel and centerboard sailing. *Blue Moon* will be anchored in Eagle Cove at about 2:00 PM. Raft up for a cookout anytime between 2:00 and 6:00 and then sail back to your dock – or sleep over. We will provide hot grills, dogs, buns, condiments, and drinks.

Contact Chris and Norm Poulsen with questions.

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[Corsica River Race/Cruise - July 23-24](#)

*Submitted By Your Leave, Sir*

Yes, there will be a cruise to the Corsica again this year. Warm and wonderful, with races to and fro, and lots of good eats and music on the beach with dancing under the stars. Details are available at the Corsica River Yacht Club website: [www.cryc.org](http://www.cryc.org), the blurb below under "Racing Corner," and from the Vice Commodore.

[MRSA Two Weeks in August Cruise](#)

[- August 20 to September 5](#)

*By Debbie Lund, Cruise Leader*

John and Debbie Lund are planning a 2 week cruise from August 20 to September 5. We are planning to sail to the Virginia waters the first week and end the cruise Labor weekend in Reed Creek. I know that everyone is hesitant to cruise in August but we have had some nice weather in August. Maybe this summer the heat has been in June and by August it will be less hot and humid.

If you are interested in participating in the cruise or parts of the cruise, please contact John or Debbie Lund at 410-544-2551 or [dlund210@gmail.com](mailto:dlund210@gmail.com). We will plan a meeting in early August to tentatively develop an itinerary prior to the cruise. All ideas are welcome.



## Tall Tales from Past Cruises and Events

[Memorial Day Cruise](#)

*Submitted by Toni Hughes, Cruise Leader*

The Memorial Day cruise to Granary Creek off the Wye River was a perfect start to the cruising season. We were joined by Lunds on *Min Van*, Kirkendalls on *Flying Low*, Bonhams on *Frequent Flyer*, Bob Krapfel and Gabriella Belli on *Paradox*, Mullarkys on two boats, Betelgeuz and *Eighth Deadly Sin*, while *Merlin* brought one McNair and one Stamp as crew. Kammanns joined the party on Sunday via *Land Yacht*. Sunday the day started with a boat inspection. Thanks to Sue and Al and Mike and cousin Tom for helping judge the boats. Our own *Merlin* would have owned the event but could not find all of the required items in the specific timeframe. (Sheryl – they missed you!) The O-Lympic games were lots of fun. Besting the "other two" yacht clubs, MRSA had a winning team! (See *Photo at the end of the newsletter.*) The chicken dinner was accompanied by blue grass music. Our sail home was mostly assisted with the engine but still a great weekend.

[MRSA June Picnic Wrap-Up](#)

*Submitted by Peggy Poe, Hostess*

Festivities at the Poe's Place on the Magothy's Black Hole Creek were just about perfect on Friday June 10<sup>th</sup> even if I do say so myself. There is always a beautiful view. But on this Friday evening, there was a light breeze and it was nicely warm. OK, maybe it was pretty hot. But the MRSA sailors didn't mind too much. Some folks came by sea...but most arrived by land yacht. And our very efficient parking directors helped everyone find parking, even though a neighbor was also having a party. (How does this always happen on such a tiny street?) The grill got a good work-out with Ed Poe, Bill Treppe and others

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## RESERVATIONS REQUIRED or REQUESTED FOR:

*-July 4<sup>th</sup> Cruise – by ASAP to Kirkindalls at 410-437-3630*

*-August 2-Week Cruise – by Mid-July to Debbie Lund at 410-544-2551*

## PHOTO CREDITS:

*Special thanks to Ed and Peggy Poe, and Kathy Polk.*

*If anybody thinks they can get rid of this excess (but truly lovely) blue bar by having the Editor send an original format newsletter, and then you remove the excess, PLEASE send an E-mail to the Editor with your offer. Thank You! - ED*

manning the tongs and flipper, etc. to provide the burgers and dogs for the hungry diners. And there were salads, baked beans, and delicious food galore on the table waiting for the dinner bell to ring. But the appetizers were consumed first, and they were delicious.

Inside the house, enjoying the air conditioning or rocking on the porch, some folks exchanged gossip and sailing tall tales and were surprised and excited to see Robbin and Roger Seal who came by to see if we still knew how to throw a June picnic. The Seals now live in Punta Gorda, FL, and were the hosts of too many June picnics to count.

The evening capped off with ice cream, strawberries and a birthday cake. After promising Myron Dorf that there would be no singing Happy Birthday, we kept our promise and we all hummed "Happy Birthday" to Myron\* and to Loura Bonham as well. (It was a big birthday for Myron.) Another MRSA picnic goes in the books as a success.

## Summer Solstice

Submitted by Loura D. Bonham, Cruise Leader

For the Summer Solstice Cruise to the West River, in attendance were the Lund's, the Kirkendall's with baby Dolly, the Poe's with baby Annabelle, the Bonham's and friend's of the Bonham's from BRSA club, Al and Arlene Mauger from their boat *Blue Heaven*.

We shared many good appetizers in our extended happy hour after which some went to dinner and some just enjoyed some music at Big Mary's Pub with ice cream sundaes which were yummy.

Ed entertained us all by trying to convince Annabelle to stay on *Ravenous* while he and Peggy got some time at happy hour. Without success, Peggy was delivered to the party, and Ed and Annabelle played in the water with some rations being handed to Ed while treading water! (See more photos at the end of this way cool newsletter.)

The usual band on a boat did not show up this year. We ended up with nice weather during the days with rain at night.



## Special Membership Notices and Announcements

### Welcome new members AND prospective members!

Submitted by Peggy Poe, Membership Chairman

Tah-tah-ta-tah. Let the trumpet sound. The BOG announces that we have another new member family joining us and a returning member family.

Well. Maybe there was no trumpet trilling, but we did vote in some folks at the BOG meeting. So please welcome back Sue and Wayne Winokur who are returning to the fold. And say hello to Dolly and Fred Webster.



The Winokurs just got soooo busy, but now Wayne is retired and so they are back with us. They sailed to the Memorial Day cruise to the Wye River on *Skimmer*, their Bristol 38 that they keep at Leatherwoods Marina in Broad Creek. Sue and Wayne live in Columbia.

The BOG also welcomes Dolly and Fred Webster who are friends of Debbie and John Lund. You may remember meeting the Websters at the March Brunch. Well, we didn't scare them away at the brunch. They still decided to join us, and when their application arrived we decided we should quickly vote them into membership. Dolly and Fred have their first large boat – a Hunter 34 named *Quest*. They live in Severna Park near the Lunds.



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## Racing Corner

### [JULY 2011 BAY RACING!](#)

**By Joe Berchielli, Racer**

#### **SATURDAY, JULY 9, THE ANNUAL RACE TO BALTIMORE!**

- Open to all PHRF classes and to multi-hulls
- Start at Baltimore Light will be provided by MRSA's Bill Stark and the Crew of *Encounter*
- Finish at Tide Point in Baltimore (UNLESS SHORTENED – 6-hour time limit)
- Tie up at Broadway Pier in Fells Point and party down at nearby Shuckers Restaurant
  - Details are available at the Baltimore City Yacht Association website: [www.bcya.com](http://www.bcya.com)

#### **SATURDAY, JULY 23, THE CORSICA RIVER YACHT CLUB 70th ANNUAL RACE OVER!**

- Open to all PHRF classes and to CAL 25 and Triton O.D.'s
- Start at Baltimore Light will be provided by MRSA's Bruce Mitchell and the crew of Charlie
- Finish in the Chester River, at USCG GR C "LC" (UNLESS SHORTENED)
- Picnic Dinner, Band, and all that good stuff on the beach with the CRYC
  - Details are available at the Corsica River Yacht Club website: [www.cryc.org](http://www.cryc.org)

#### **SUNDAY, JULY 24, THE CORSICA RIVER RACE BACK!**

- Open to all PHRF classes and to CAL 25 and Triton O.D.'s and to multi-hulls
- Start at Mark R"12" in the Chester River will be provided by CRYC
- Finish at the Baltimore Light (UNLESS SHORTENED)
  - Details are available at the MRSA website: [www.magothysailing.com](http://www.magothysailing.com)

### [NOTICES TO COMPETITORS](#)

#### [- CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS](#)

#### [MRSA Wednesday Night Sailing Instructions, 2011](#)

Amendment #2 - (June 24, 2011)

In "Class Splits"

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"For Series 1 through 5:

**Class            Class Ratings    Code Flag**

PHRF A	Up to 117	9
PHRF B	118-171	6
PHRF C	172 and up	7
PHRF NS1	Up to 183	5
PHRF NS2	184 and up	8
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PHRF NS1	Up to 183	5
PHRF NS2	184 and up	8
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PHRF C	172 and up	7
PHRF NS1	Up to 179	5
PHRF NS2	180 and up	8
MH	All	W"



## Junior Sailing Program – Ages 9 - 16

### *Summer Junior Training Program – Progress Report*

*By Zoe Forsyth, Fleet Captain Junior Training*

At press time, we have concluded a very successful first week of the Junior Training Sailing Program at the beautiful Grachur Club. Young sailors from both Grachur and MRSA families are improving their sailing skills and having lots of fun on water and on land. Look for a summary of program activities in the next *Old Man*. Sincere thanks to everyone who assisted with the planning and preparation for this year's program! We are grateful to Grachur for hosting the sailing program, and ask everyone to please remember that Grachur is a private club, and its grounds and waterfront are open only to its Members and their guests when the program is not in session.

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



## Oh, By the Way

(Due to popular demand, there is no "Oh, By the Way this month.)

***Treasure the Chesapeake!***



Memorial Day 2011 Olympics Winners:  
Debbie and John Lund, Bob Krapfel and Gabriella Belli.



Happy Birthday to Myron (center) and Laura (right)  
That's Sigi under Myron's arm.



Left:  
Faces in  
the  
Crowd  
(except  
Fred's)  
at the  
June  
Picnic at  
the  
Poes' -  
June  
2011.

Right:  
Laura  
and Mike  
Bonham  
at the  
West  
River  
- June  
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Picture by Bill Paul

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