



# The Old Man

< August 2011 >

The Monthly Newsletter of the Magothy River Sailing Association

## Contents -

Calendar, 1  
 Commodore's  
 Comments, 1  
 Upcoming Cruises  
 and Events, 2  
 Past Cruises and  
 Events, 4  
 Special Notices, 5  
 Racing Corner, 5  
 Junior Sailing, 6  
 Oh, by the  
 Way..., 7

E-mail newsletter  
 contributions to  
[newsletter@magothy  
 sailing.com](mailto:newsletter@magothy<br/>
  sailing.com)

Deadline for ALL  
 future issues:  
**25<sup>th</sup> DAY**  
**OF THE MONTH**  
**PRIOR TO**  
 publication date

## Calendar of Upcoming Events

- August 3, Wed: Racing Raft-Up - after Race 4, 4<sup>th</sup> Series
- August 5-6, Fri – Sat: Governor's Cup Race!
- August 6-7, Sat – Sun: Worton Creek Cruise
- August 6-13, Sat – Sat: Sturgis 2011
- August 13-14, Sat – Sun: Pirates Weekend Cruise, Swan Creek/Rock Hall
- August 20, Sat: August Picnic/River Cruise, Milburn, Cornfield Creek
- August 20-September 3, all week: Long Cruise South with Lunds
- September 2, Friday: Cedar Point Race
- September 3-5, Sat – Mon: Annapolis Race Week
- September 3-5, Sat – Sun: Labor Day Cruise, Reed Creek on the Chester River

## **Commodore's Comments – Sad Farewell**

By Jon Mullarky, Commodore

Sadly we lost a long time MRSA member, and member of the Association's Board of Governors last month. Treasurer Jim McCutchan passed away on July 23 while vacationing with his family in New York.

Jim was a regular competitor in the Wednesday Night Races, skipping his Pearson 30, *Great Escape*, in the non-spinnaker class. In 2007 he did a stint, as MRSA's Race Committee Chairman, He and wife Jill were frequent attendees at MRSA social events and cruises. Besides sailing, Jim enjoyed running, hiking, reading, playing, bridge and playing with his grandchildren.

A native of California, Jim lived in Brandon, FL and Millersville, MD before settling in Pasadena's Milburn community. He was a graduate of the University of Nevada at Reno and received advanced degrees from the University of San Francisco and Loyola University of Maryland. Jim had a career in manufacturing and education, and was most recently a safety officer at Reliable Contracting Company.



Jim McCutchan  
(May 23, 1944 – July 23, 2011)

He is survived by his wife, Jill Chadwell McCutchan, his mother, Goldie McCutchan of Santa Barbara, CA; his son, James W. McCutchan, III of Santa Barbara; daughter Mollie Sheely of Danville, NH; step-daughter, Heather Chadwell Hurley of Wakefield, RI and sister Evelyn Cavins of Santa Barbara. He is also survived by his grandchildren Taylor, Aiden, Logan, Meredith, and Addison.

We offer our deepest condolences to Jill and the rest of Jim's family.

Jon Mullarky  
Commodore, MRSA



## 2010-2011 OFFICERS OF THE MRSA

### Commodore:

Jon Mullarky  
410-604-3502  
[commodore@magothysailing.com](mailto:commodore@magothysailing.com)

### Vice Commodore:

TBA – make offer  
[vice\\_commodore@magothysailing.com](mailto:vice_commodore@magothysailing.com)

### Rear Commodore:

Joe Berchielli  
410-647-8470  
[rear\\_commodore@magothysailing.com](mailto:rear_commodore@magothysailing.com)

### Fleet Captain

#### Cruising:

Myron & Sigi Dorf  
410-255-8330  
[cruising@magothysailing.com](mailto:cruising@magothysailing.com)

### Fleet Captain Junior

#### Training: Zoe Forsyth

410-315-9548  
[junior\\_training@magothysailing.com](mailto:junior_training@magothysailing.com)

### Treasurer:

Jim McCutchan  
410-360-1163  
[treasurer@magothysailing.com](mailto:treasurer@magothysailing.com)

### Secretary: Donna

Paden, 410-997-4005  
[secretary@magothysailing.com](mailto:secretary@magothysailing.com)

### Race Committee

#### Chair: TBA

– make offer  
[race\\_committee@magothysailing.com](mailto:race_committee@magothysailing.com)

### Protest Chairman:

Drew Dowling  
410-647-6492  
[protests@magothysailing.com](mailto:protests@magothysailing.com)

## Upcoming Cruises & Events

### [Racing Raft-Up](#)

Rapid Racers – Please see the Raft-Up announcement under “Racing Corner” below.

### [Governor's Cup August 5 – 6 – If you are going, you know that – have a swift and safe race!](#)

### [Beautiful Worton Creek Cruise – August 6 – 7](#)

Cruise Leaders Bob Krapfel and Gabriella Belli want to hear from you at 301-951-5291 or [bkrapfel@rhsmith.umd.edu](mailto:bkrapfel@rhsmith.umd.edu).

### [Pirates Weekend Cruise, Swan Creek/Rock Hall 12-14 Aug](#)



Submitted by Captain Mike – between Shivering Timbers

Avast me hearties!

The crew of the *Frequent Flyer*, Captain Magothy Mike and first and last mate Alluring Lurid Loura, arrrrrrgh gearing up for the August cruise. So, start making plans for the Aug 12th- 14th cruise to Swan Creek for the Rock Hall Pirates' 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.

This year, we are combining EYC's cruising group with ours for some of our social events, weather permitting all abiding by the Pirates' Code. Captain Ron and Dark Dawn Hughes are the cruise leaders for EYC.

Hoist your anchor and set your course for Swan Creek for a MRSA (Magothy River Swashbuckler Association) cruise. We plan to set anchor behind the moorings at Swan Creek Marina. Be sure to dress appropriately. Pirates Arrrrrrrrgh cool! RSVP by August 8th to [lbonham@aol.com](mailto:lbonham@aol.com), 410-439-0507.



*Captain Mike*

Please check out [www.rockhallpirates.com](http://www.rockhallpirates.com) to find out more

### [Cornfield Creek/Mil-Bur Creek Cruise/Picnic, Saturday, August 20](#)

Submitted by Myron and Sigrid Dorf, Hosts

The weather may be hot but there usually is a cool breeze blowing and there is always the pool to cool off in at the August picnic/cruise at Mil-Bur. Come join your MRSA friends for a fun, relaxing afternoon on Saturday, August 20.

Come by water or land. Activities will start at 1:00 and the grills will be hot and busy with hamburgers and hot dogs grilling by 2:00. Drinks are provided but bring a side dish, salad, or dessert to share with the group. Besides swimming and eating there will be kayaks available for use, games to play, and lots of conversation.

**Race Gear**

**Chairman:** Mark Walker 410-647-2468  
[race\\_gear@magothysailing.com](mailto:race_gear@magothysailing.com)

**Race Marks**

**Chairman:** Roger Bartholomee  
 410-255-7330  
[race\\_marks@magothysailing.com](mailto:race_marks@magothysailing.com)

**Scorer:** Mike Mullarky  
 410-439-1556  
[scorer@magothysailing.com](mailto:scorer@magothysailing.com)

**Junior Racing:** Dan Prucnal 410-255-3015  
[junior\\_racing@magothysailing.com](mailto:junior_racing@magothysailing.com)

**Membership Chair:** Peggy & Ed Poe  
 410-296-6428  
[membership@magothysailing.com](mailto:membership@magothysailing.com)

**Fleetmaster:** Dave Kemp 410-544-4576  
[fleetmaster@magothysailing.com](mailto:fleetmaster@magothysailing.com)

**Immediate Past**

**Commodore:** Wes McNair 410-437-8998  
[past\\_commodore@magothysailing.com](mailto:past_commodore@magothysailing.com)

**Ship's Store:** Debbie Lund 410-544-2551  
[ship\\_store@magothysailing.com](mailto:ship_store@magothysailing.com)

**Red Book Editor:** Kathy Dougan  
 410-255-2040  
[redbook@magothysailing.com](mailto:redbook@magothysailing.com)

**Old Man Editor:** Bert Polk 410-757-0989  
[newsletter@magothysailing.com](mailto:newsletter@magothysailing.com)

**Web Master:** Mike Mullarky  
 410-439-1556  
[webmaster@magothysailing.com](mailto:webmaster@magothysailing.com)

Cornfield Creek is a well-protected secure anchorage just off the north shore of the Magothy near Gibson Island. After entering the creek, be sure to heed the small can #1 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](mailto:myrondorf@comcast.net) or call 410-255-8330.

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.

Please let us know that you are coming by August 18 so that we can shop accordingly. [myrondorf@comcast.net](mailto:myrondorf@comcast.net) or 410-255-8330.

*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 as far south as the Rappahannock River during the first week and end the cruise Labor Day 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 July and by August it will be less hot and humid. (**DEFINITELY HOT and HUMID in July this year!!** – ED)

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.

*... Followed by the LABOR DAY CRUISE, 3 – 5 September*

Last Labor Day Weekend, a group of MRSA cruisers went to a party on a farm on Reed Creek. The owners of the farm, Bill and Phyllis Eaton, are friends of John and Debbie Lund. I guess we were well behaved because they have invited us back for another party. The Labor Day cruise will start with a rendezvous Saturday afternoon on Grays Inn Creek. Happy hour will start at 1700 on Min Van IV; we will probably have stories to tell from the two week cruise. At about 9 AM on Sunday morning we will have a group Brunch prior to moving to Reed Creek. We will draw straws to see who will lead the group in to Reed Creek! Usually the Eaton's party starts at approximately 3 PM on Sunday so the dinghy brigade will start at about 3 in Reed Creek. Please bring an appetizer, side dish or dessert to share. Also bring a flashlight and bug spray. Please RSVP to John or Debbie Lund at 410-544-2551 (h) or [dlund210@gmail.com](mailto:dlund210@gmail.com) if you plan on attending the Labor Day Cruise. After August 19, please call Debbie's cell phone at 410-382-0332 or John's phone at 410-382-8349 since we will be on the two week cruise.

*1 – 2 October Cruise - now going to Church Creek*

We have changed the location from Whitehall to Church Creek on the South River. Details later – or contact Toni and Rich Hughes, Cruise Leaders.



## CBYRA

### Representative:

cbyca@magothysailing.com

### Website:

www.magothysailing.com.

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

### RESERVATIONS REQUIRED or REQUESTED FOR:

-Worton Creek Cruise  
– by ASAP to Bob  
Krapfel at 301-951-  
5291

- Pirate Cruise – by  
Aug 8 to Magothy  
Mike at 410-439-0507

MILBUR Picnic – by  
August 18 to Myron  
Dorf at 410-255-8330

-August 2-Week  
Cruise and Labor Day  
– by August 18 to  
Debbie Lund at 410-  
544-2551

### PHOTO CREDITS:

Special thanks to Jon  
Mullarky, Peggy Poe,  
Toni Hughes, and the  
Bonhams.

### ED NOTE:

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

## Tall Tales from Past Cruises and Events

### *The Fourth of July Cruise Brought More Fireworks Than Expected*

*Submitted by Al and Sue Kirkendall, Fire Workers and Cruise Leaders*

Fourth of July weekend found holiday revelers, *Frequent Flyer*, *Betelgeux*, *Light Spray*, *Min Van IV*, *Renaissance* (by way of Kent Island), *Ravenous*, and *Flying Low*, heading from the Magothy to the Choptank with light winds out of the south and summer temperatures. It was a motorsail, but anytime on the water is enjoyable and that we did. The anchorage for Saturday was Waterhole Cove off the thriving metropolis of Sherwood. A close inspection of the water indicated it was safe to swim with no sea nettles sighted. After a refreshing swim Happy Hour was commenced aboard *Renaissance*. The hors d'oeuvres rivaled a buffet at the finest restaurant with everyone returning to their boats with little need to haul-out the grill and cook dinner. An unexpected treat was the St. Michael's fireworks which appeared over the eastern horizon. The air cooled and a shower passed during the night.

At 0900 sharp the "potluck" began as everyone arrived aboard *Flying Low* for a breakfast comparable to "Buddy's" on a Sunday morning. We do like to eat!! Anchors were then pulled and everyone headed for Plaindealing Creek. There was a favorable wind, so some gas was saved by sailing. We met *Merlin*, *Dulcinea*, and *Royale Salute* in Plaindealing Creek. After a lazy afternoon of reading, boat chores, and swimming all except for the crew of *Betegeux*, headed to Oxford for dinner at Schooners Landing and the Robert Morris Inn. Three dingys left from the anchorage for Schooners Landing where we met Rich and Toni Hughes, and Dick Kamman's brother and sister-in-law, Bob and Jenna. There was a forecast for storms much later in the evening, but the crews felt confident that we could easily have dinner and watch the fireworks before the weather would hit. Service was a bit slow, so by 7 o'clock we were waiting for dinner when John Mullarky called (his crew elected to dine aboard) to warn us a storm was imminent and he could hear thunder in the distance. Annette and Mike Mullarky, thankfully, traveled to the anchored boats to close hatches, take in laundry and secure the cockpits. With multiple i-phones giving the radar reports dinner was taken "to go". As the diners gathered their dinners, (this took a while), the storm approached rapidly. Skies grew darker and the winds increased. Two dingys left for the anchorage, while one elected to wait-out the storm. The crossing was a bit bumpy and WET, but not too bad. As we approached something did not appear right! *Frequent Flyer* had traveled across the creek without hitting any other boats, and rested on a shoal. With quick thinking and exceptional seamanship skills Debbie Lund and Mike Mullarky boarded her, got her off the shoal, and motored over to *Betelgeux* where she was securely rafted-up. Mike and Lora Bonham and Peggy Poe had waited-out the storm in Oxford. The cause of *Frequent Flyer's* independent journey was a separation of the anchor from the chain.

After receiving phone calls about the plight of *Frequent Flyer*, the Bonhams and Peggy were provided with the latest in raingear (see photo) and valiantly crossed the Tred Avon to find *Frequent Flyer* safely nestled with *Betelgeux*. It rained a bit more and the wind certainly continued. Amazingly, the Oxford fireworks materialized late in the southeastern sky with quite a display. Many thanks to Jon, Mike, Annette and Debbie for saving the day!!

After the events of the previous evening, WIND, and the promise of strong storms in the afternoon the anchorage was clear of MRSA boats early. Rounding Walnut Point found favorable winds and a delightful sail to the Bay Bridge. Lora Bonham said it best, "It is so nice to sail with such caring and kind people." Thank you to everyone who gave support and made this a memorable weekend.

Editor with your offer.  
Thank You! - ED

## [Dog Day Afternoon Cruise, July 16 \(and some into the 17<sup>th</sup>\)](#)

Submitted by Chris and Norm Poulson, Cruise Leaders

What a gorgeous Chesapeake Bay afternoon. Who said this was a Dog Day cruise when we had low humidity, a beautiful breeze, and sunshine! To prove our point, we had 11 boats arrive in Eagle Cove from various ports to meet and greet and enjoy hot dogs, swimming and great companionship. The Poes arrived first, rafting up with Blue Moon, and bringing guests Anna & Ed Strong. They were shortly followed by the Langmaks who arrived in their boat bringing 11 people (3 adults and 8 children). We also had Myron & Sigi Dorf; Zoe & Dave Forsythe with Caroline, Andrew and Ryan; Alan Weiss, Maggie Burry & son Nick; Jack & Joan Lusby; Dave & Denise Pirone; Mike & Kathleen Albert with their son and Kathleen's father Don; Wes & Cheryl McNair for a grand total of 27 adults and 15 children. MRSA better get ready for some great future sailors!

Seventy-two hot dogs later, a good time was had by all and, to top off the evening, a band was onshore to serenade those who anchored overnight. A full moon completed the picture as it illuminated the evening sky.



## **Special Membership Notices and Announcements**

[Welcome new members AND prospective members!](#)

... will be found here in a month or two. Go boating!



## **Racing Corner**

[AUGUST 2011 RACING NEWS !](#)

**By Joe Berchielli, Racer**

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 3 – RACE! PARTY! DIVE IN AND BEAT THE HEAT!**

The next Wednesday Night raft-up will be held, weather permitting, on August 3, immediately after the race. Gene McCollum's "Boondoggle" will once again be the anchor boat/beer boat. Some extra beer will also be available aboard "Allu".

## BAY RACING IN JULY

The Annual Race to Baltimore was held on Saturday, July 9. The start at the Baltimore Light featured 49 boats, including 12 Magothy-based boats. Four PHRF classes, a J-35 One Design fleet and a multihull fleet participated in the race, which was to end near the Inner Harbor but was shortened due to wind conditions. The J-35 One Design Class was won by MRSA's Mike Mullarky and the crew of "Eighth Deadly Sin". The Non Spin Class was won by MRSA's Mark and Marty Walker and the crew of "Bumble Bee".

The Corsica River Races (Over and Back) both fell victim to the heat wave which scorched the bay area during the weekend of July 23 and 24. A promising list of entries quickly dwindled as the dire weekend weather forecast prompted skippers to withdraw their boats from competition. Only two boats ("Eighth Deadly Sin" and "My Way") crossed the starting line Saturday morning and close-reached toward Love Point where the high temperatures were joined with a dying wind, ending the race far short of the finish line near the mouth of the Corsica River. The Corsica River Yacht Club held a good party anyway with an Eastern Shore barbeque dinner and a Bluegrass band at their beautiful grounds on the shores on the Corsica.



## Junior Sailing Program – Ages 9 - 16

### [Summer Junior Training Program – Wrap-Up](#)

*By Zoe Forsyth, Super Junior Training Organizer Supreme*

This year's Junior Training Sailing Program, which ran from June 20 through July 1 at the Grachur Club, gave 40 young sailors the opportunity to improve their sailing skills and have lots of fun on water and on land. Program activities included the Regatta, and the always-popular Watermelon Hunt. The sail to Cape Arthur beach took place under sunny blue skies and just-hot-enough temperatures on the program's penultimate day, with added excitement from a float plane which roared up the river and took off over the sailboats, and an educational visit from county firefighters and their big ladder truck. Five students achieved the rank of Skipper: Matt Dougan, Ryan Forsyth, Rachel Prucnal, Sharlene Roberts, and Taylor Wood. At the Closing Ceremony, all students received their CBYRA Certificates from Head Instructor James Dougan and Commodore Jon Mullarky – then enjoyed a delicious picnic with their families.

Many MRSA folks who gave generously of their time and energy deserve credit for the success of this year's Program. Dave Kemp worked very hard to prepare and maintain the fleet, while Joe Tierney did a tremendous amount of behind-the-scenes administration and coordination of E-mail communications. Jon Mullarky facilitated arrangements with the Grachur Club; First Aid preparedness was provided by Annette Mullarky; and Mike Mullarky kept Website information up to date including the very important parent schedule. Sheryl and Wes McNair again generously made available their property for boat storage and pre-program preparation, and for the Closing Ceremony. Kathy Dougan contributed in many ways including her key role in coordinating the end-of program picnic.

Thanks also to all the parents who willingly pitched in to help on their Parent Supervision day(s); your support was an important part of the program's success. Hopefully many Junior Training families will continue their involvement with MRSA activities throughout the year, and join us again for the program in 2012! *(And Special Thanks to Zoe for a job well done!! – ED)*



## Oh, By the Way

(Due to popular demand, there is no “Oh, By the Way” again this month. Too bad for you!)

***Treasure the Chesapeake!***



Peggy Poe with Mike and Loura Bonham displaying the latest in fine cruising attire – Oxford, Maryland, 2011



Loura & Mike planning PIRATE Strategies for the Rock Hall Invasion, Aug 12



Mike Albert's Wife Kathleen and son Will – Dog Day Afternoon



**CENSORED** – this is not the “Bumper Bash”

Same afternoon:  
dogs cooking courtesy of Norm Poulson



**Above and below:** Dog Day Afternoon Gathering in Eagle Cove on the Magothy, July 16, 2011.

## The Old Man

Magothy River Sailing Association  
P.O. Box 1135  
Pasadena, MD 21122  
<http://www.magothysailing.com>

***Treasure the  
Chesapeake!***



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