



The Old Man

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The Monthly Newsletter of the Magothy River Sailing Association

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Calendar of Upcoming Events

- **December 1, Thursday, 6:30 (or sooner): Wine and Cheese Party with Annual MRSA Officer Elections**
- **December 10, Saturday, 4 PM (or so) until after the show: Annapolis Parade of Lights Party at the Annapolis Marriott**
- **January 28, Sat: Commodore's Ball, Gibson Island Club**

Commodore's Comments – Wintering Over

By Jon Mullarky, Commodore



Sailing season is essentially over for 2011; most boats are on the hard or winterized and moored securely for the winter. As I crossed the Bay Bridge yesterday I noticed a few hardy souls enjoying what was probably their last sail of the season. MRSA, however, still has a couple of great activities before we all get wrapped up in the Holiday Season. On December 1 we have our traditional December Wine

and Cheese Party as well as elections to choose the members on the 2012 Board of Governors. Plan to be there!

The evening of December 10 brings the always-enjoyable Annapolis Boat Parade. Again this year MRSA will have a hospitality room at the Marriott hotel where members can enjoy the parade and the company of club members. I hope you will drop in enjoy a beverage and get a fifth floor view of the parade.

This is my last column for The Old Man. After the December 1 meeting I will turn the leadership of the Association over to a new Commodore. My year as Commodore has been challenging and personally rewarding. We raced, cruised, held another outstanding Junior Training session with our partners at Grachur Club, and along the way had some great social events. My heartfelt thanks to all the members who served on the committee boats, lead the cruises and organized the social activities. The year went smoothly because of the hard work of the members of your Board of Governors. These folks took the time to organize Club activities, see to the business of the Association, and keep the communications with our members flowing. Well done, and thank you BOG members!

Finally, I hope all MRSA members have a Happy Holiday Season and the New Year holds lots of great sailing for all of us!

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Upcoming Cruises & Events

[Annual Wine and Cheese Party and Election of Officers](#)

Submitted by P. Poe, Hostess, and S. Claus, Sleigh Driver

[Start the holidays off right!](#)

SANTA SEZ: Come to the MRSA wine and cheese party on Thursday, December 1st.

TIME: 6:30 PM

PLACE: Belvedere Yacht Club

Please bring your favorite hearty hors d'oeuvres or cheese to share and show off
Beverages will be provided

Festivities surrounding election of officers for the coming year will be the order of the evening!

Questions / Directions: Please E-mail to mpoe1@comcast.net
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See you on Thursday evening. BE THERE OR BE ELECTED.

[2012 Commodore's Ball - Saturday, January 28](#)

Mark your calendar. The 2012 MRSA Commodore's Ball will be held the evening of Saturday, January 28 at the Gibson Island Club. More details, including the official snow forecast, will follow in the January edition of *The OLD MAN*.

[A Whole Lot of Nothin' Goin' On - you wish](#)

Submitted, by Crackie

OK, Sailors and Sailing Fans – it is December in Maryland. Time to pay the bills from Black Friday and Cyber Monday – and whatever else you got yourselves into in The Great Shopping Binge in November, right here in River City, in The Great Recession. It is a time to go to the mall; a time to buy; a time to pay; a time to endure traffic; a time to see kids home from school; a time to take a cold WX vacation; a time to take a hot WX vacation; a time to share with family and friends; a time to decorate – and to pack stuff away – somewhere; a time to think about your religion – or lack of; a time to give thanks for what you have – and what you don't have; a time to shovel – but hopefully not too much; a time to volunteer; a time to cook; a time to entertain – or be entertained; a time to neck; a time to eat; a time to drink; a time to overdo; a time to burp; a time to see the moon reflected on a calm river or bay or ocean; and a time to snuggle in front of a warm fire. MRSA events are slim in December and January – a good enough thing considering all those other things you have to do – or think you have to do. So try to relax (not listed above); just stop all that other stuff for at least a minute a day. Other helpful hints: don't give anybody a "work-saving device" (iron, ironing board, vacuum cleaner...) and even if you have three already, don't open a present with the words "I already have one." Do smile and laugh.

And have yourselves a Merry Little Christmas (or whatever you choose) now.



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Tall Tales from Past Cruises and Events

[We Sailed with the Schooners!](#)

By Peggy Poe, Ravenous First Mate

Well, the weather was stinky. But real sailors can put up with rain. We are like the US Postal Service. "Neither rain, nor snow....." So on the appointed day, eight intrepid sailors set out to see if the crews aboard the schooners would be as adventurous as the MRSA band of hearty souls.

October 16, 2011 turned out to be a day of mist, rain, some sun, more rain, and very little wind. It was a very good thing that the good ship *Ravenous* is equipped with a dependable engine that fired up and motored us to the starting line of the 22nd Annual Great Chesapeake Bay Schooner Race. There were a few other spectator boats joining us to watch the start of the race, along with the 39 Schooners of varying sizes, but not many.

The eight of us aboard *Ravenous* were glad when the rain stopped. Occasionally we had a glimpse of the sun and blue skies here and there through the overcast. But mostly we weren't interested in the weather, but in the beautiful schooners that were about to sail from just below the Bay Bridge to Norfolk, Virginia. We were a little disappointed not to see the *Pride of Baltimore* this year. It seems that she was in the Big Apple giving tours. The *Pride* is usually the winner of her class, so I guess she gave other schooners a chance this year.

We loved seeing *America2*, a winner in her class and the *Lady Maryland* who took a second in her class. *Woodwind*, a schooner that you see in Annapolis, won her class as well. Our friend, Joe Jackins was sailing on a Freedom boat, *Resolute*. We bet he had a great time at the party in Portsmouth.

The crew on *Ravenous* included George Stamps, John Hubbs, Marty and Mark Walker, Jack Blair and Alex Daly (two friends from Peggy's Black & Decker days) and of course Captain Ed Poe and Admiral Peggy.

[Frostbite Cruise - to the Maryland Yacht Club](#)

This year's annual cruise to Annapolis – instead went north on a blustery evening to the Maryland Yacht Club. Nobody braved the weather in a boat. Due to space limitations, the detailed write-up of the fun-filled-food-extravaganza will have to wait until next month, but trust me, it was a great venue with a great view, great service, great food, and great camaraderie. Photos of those present appear at the end of this issue.



Special Membership Notices and Announcements

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

Submitted by Peggy Poe, Membership Chairman

At the November 2011 MRSA BOG Meeting there were many important items of discussion on the agenda. "Where in the world were the McNairs?" and was it as warm there as it is in Maryland? Then the very serious officers of MRSA got down to the business of your association – planning parties, discussing racing issues, and analyzing

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*Commodore's Ball –
Next Month*

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next year's budget.

Most important to the Membership Chair, we voted in our newest member family. Recommended for membership and sponsored by Laura and Mike Bonham were Cecelia Hayes and R.T. Klamm. Ceal and R.T. have already attended a number of MRSA events, last year and this, and have gotten to know a number of our members. They live in Pinehurst and keep their boat, *Magical Affinity*, a Lagoon 43, at the Bodkin Pointe Marina. Ceal has just received the realtor of the year award from the Best of Pasadena Business Association. R.T. is an avid fisherman. We welcome them both to MRSA.

As Seen in the Pasadena Voice, November 17, 2011 – Katherine Dugan, Volunteer of the Month

Kathy Dugan received the November Volunteer of the Month award from Chesapeake High School for her support of the school's Robotics Team. "She serves as manager and mentor, coordinating community outreach and participation while encouraging and helping the students." Kathy is quoted to say "Going into our fifth year as a team, I like to see the progress of all our students as they go through each season, learn about technology, life skills, and teamwork." According to the paper, "As the only female mentor in our group, she has tried to inspire the girls on the team to think about science and engineering as a career. She has held a girl's luncheon at her house, where she had several coworkers come and talk to the girls. Even though her son graduated, she is starting her fifth year mentoring the team." Well done! Congratulations!



Racing Corner

Fall Series Racing - and the winner by a PUFF is ...

Submitted by Joe Berchielli, Racer

The last two Hallie Rice Fall Series Races were held on Sunday, November 6 with the series winners being decided in the tenth and final race of the series.

In Spinnaker Class, *Encounter* entered that final race two series points ahead of second-place *Heyday*. *Encounter* took second in the race to *Heyday's* fourth, thereby clinching the top spot in Spinnaker Class.

In Non-spin Class, *Endless Summer* entered the final race tied with *Allu* for the series lead. A hard-fought see-saw battle ensued, with *Summer* edging out *Allu* by 0.2 seconds (corrected time) and clinching the number one spot for the series by one point.

Our congratulations go out to winning skippers Drew Dowling, Alan Weiss, and to their crews.

Please see **PHOTOS of the summer racing season winners** at the end of this issue.



Junior Sailing Program – Ages 9 - 16

[Junior Training](#)

By Zoe Forsyth, Fleet Captain Junior Training

See you in the Spring!

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



Oh, By the Way

[Refer to archived Old Man "Oh, By the Way" segments](#)

Submitted by MRSA

Shown below are winners from the summer racing series.

Unfortunately, the two lower photos did not come with full captions. Rather than embarrass ourselves by naming some and not others, or putting in the wrong names, our editorial staff has decided to just blame the name omissions on the publication department. We hope they will do better next year. (Full names will be published if provided between now and the 25th of January 2012.)

Charlie Hutchinson: *White Lightning*

Brad Hill: *Oras*

Dave Prucnel: *Ultra Violet*

Angelo Guarino: *Bella Donna*

Colin MacKenzie: *Beagle*





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22 sailors at The Maryland Yacht Club for the Frostbite Cruise.

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Treasure the Chesapeake!




Picture by Bill Paul

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