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The Monthly Newsletter of the Magothy River Sailing Association

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Calendar of Upcoming Events

!! HAPPY NEW YEAR !!

- **January 28, Saturday, 1830 – Midnight:**
Gala Commodore's Ball, Gibson Island Club
- **February TBA:** Race Planning Meeting, location and time TBA
- **February 18, Saturday:** Cruise Planning Meeting, Belvedere Yacht Club, time TBA
- **April 4, Wednesday:** Wednesday Night Races Start on the Magothy
- **June 18 through 29, Monday through Friday:** Junior Sailing Training, ages 9 and up

Commodore's Comments

- New Commodore Looking Ahead



By Debbie Lund, Commodore

I hope that everyone had a happy and safe holiday season. Happy New Year!

Good news- the shortest day of the year is over and now the days are getting longer. Today, I received an E-mail regarding plans for the Summer Solstice 2012. I know that the sailing season won't start for a few months but now is the time the BOG is busy planning the season. In February, the racers will have a race planning meeting and the cruisers will have the cruise planning

party. Planning for the junior training program has started so that we will have a successful program.

By now, you should have received your 2012 renewal notice and the Commodore's Ball invitation. Please pay your dues early so you are not left out of the Red Book. If you have never been to the Commodore's Ball, please try to come. It is a wonderful night of good company, great food and dancing.

If you want to get involved in MRSA, feel free to contact me or any of the people on the Board of Governors. The names of the new BOG are listed in the Old Man. Volunteer to help with races, cruises, junior training, membership or social events. Remember everything is done with volunteers.

I look forward to a great year. The season starts in about 3 months!



Upcoming Cruises & Events

Gala Commodore's Ball 2012

Invitations are in the mail! The Commodore and Flag Officers of MRSA invite all club

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members to attend **The 2012 Commodore's Ball on Saturday, January 28**. This year's event will be held at the Gibson Island Club, beginning with a Social Hour at 6:30 PM, followed by dinner, awards, and dancing to music provided by Starlight Entertainment until Midnight.

For those new to MRSA, The Commodore's Ball is a dinner-dance gathering of the highest level. "Black Tie" is encouraged – befitting the grandeur of the setting at the Gibson Island Yacht Club. The Gibson Island Club is one of the oldest and most distinguished on the Bay. The trophy room is abundantly outfitted with an extensive collection of trophies, plaques, models, half-hulls, and other memorabilia celebrating the grandeur of sailing on the Bay and beyond for about a century. The ballroom, where we will be entertained, is colorfully decorated with a large collection of fine half-hulls depicting designs and designers of Bay sailing craft. The ballroom also features large windows overlooking the Bay – with Baltimore and Sandy Point Lighthouses, the shores at Rock Hall and Kent Island, and the dual spans of the Chesapeake Bay Bridge in the distance. Scenery also includes MRSA members festooned in their finest – a far cry from shorts and T-shirts we usually see each other in. The Club's copious culinary collection is superb at all times, but especially so for The Ball. We are sure you will enjoy the delicious selection of appetizers, meats, salads, veggies, and other delights – and we never see anyone apologize for taking on "seconds." After all, those "seconds" are an excellent excuse to dance with your mate and maties to round out (pun intended) the evening.

Reservations must be made by January 18 by returning the reservation RSVP card accompanying your formal invitation or contacting the Vice Commodore, Richard Paden, by E-mail at vicecommodore@magothysailing.com. Subscriptions for the evening are \$65 per person.

The Gibson Island Club has hotel rooms available for the evening of January 28 if you would like to stay overnight at the club. Cost of the room is \$65 plus 6% tax. Make reservations prior to January 15, directly with the Gibson Island Club at 410-255-1000 or by E-mail to clubhouse@gibsonisland.com

Should we get a blizzard on the day of the Ball, our "Snow Plan" is to reschedule the event the following Saturday. Let's hope we don't have to reschedule.

[Wooden Dinghy for the winter – and many summers to come](#)

Submitted by Woody Planks

Looking for something nautical to entertain your body/mind/spirit during the cold winter months? Need a nice little dingy in the spring-time? Check out Chesapeake Light Craft in Annapolis. www.clcboats.com. In addition to dinghies, puling boats, and sailing dinghies, check out the coffee table boat. For the ultimate gift for the future sailor in your family, why not make the cradle dinghy? Only takes a few days, a few more dollars, and hey – they even teach you how to do all that stuff at their shop!



Tall-Tales of Past Cruises and Events

[Labor Day 2011 Cruise](#)

Submitted by Debbie Lund, Cruise Leader

Labor Day weekend was sandwiched between a hurricane and a tropical storm-it was a dry weekend! The Lunds were ending their two week cruise. During the two weeks, there was an earthquake, a hurricane and a few storms. The Bay is much wider in Virginia.

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Crisfield is designated as a safe harbor and is a good place to ride out a hurricane. The Lunds were joined in Grays Inn Creek with the Kammanns, Poes, Krapfel/Belli and the Poulsens with the Lusbys aboard on Saturday night. It was difficult to get an early start on Saturday because the boats had to be put back together- sails on, canvas back on, dinghies put back on the boat etc. The Kammanns hosted Happy Hour on the trawler-it certainly has a nice deck for a party. In the same cove was the Cruising Club of the Chesapeake. We were the minority but we had a great party!

Sunday morning we had brunch before lifting anchor and heading to Reed Creek. The entrance to Reed Creek is certainly easier with a chart plotter and GPS. Sunday afternoon everyone got in their dinghies and headed for the Eaton farm. The Eatons are from Severna Park and are friends of the Lunds. The farmhouse is the oldest home in Queen Anne County and Bill loves to tell the history of the house. For our gratitude, the Eatons were presented MRSA denim shirts. On Monday everyone headed home.

[Annapolis Parade of Lights, 2011](#)

By Jon Mullarky, Past Commodore

With unseasonably warm weather on December 10th, twenty some MRSA members gathered at the Annapolis Marriott to watch the Annapolis Lighted Boat Parade. We had a great view of the parade from the 5th floor room, lots of great snacks, cold and hot drinks and, as always, great camaraderie.



Special Membership Notices and Announcements

[Morgan Freeman Chairs the Board](#)

Excerpted from James Houck in WhatsUpMag.com

Morgan Freeman has been selected to replace the legendary Walter Cronkite as chair of the National Sailing Center & Hall of Fame (NSHOF) Honorary Advisory Board in Annapolis. "I am honored to be part of the National Sailing Center & Hall of Fame as we create a home for American sailing," said Morgan Freeman recently. "I know how important it was to Walter. My love for sailing started at an early age, and there is nothing like being carried away by the wind and waves." According to the article, "Freeman's passion for sailing began... in a Lightning class dinghy near Stowe, Vermont in 1967. He now sails on larger ocean-going boats. If you live a life of make-believe, your life isn't worth anything until you do something that does challenge your reality. And to me, sailing the open ocean is a real challenge, because it's life or death. There's no quarter."

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

[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.

Pride of Baltimore Inc. is asking if you can make a donation to the students of Maritime Industries Academy that are involved in hands-on training for their Maritime studies class. They are asking for

- Scraps of wood – so that students can practice wood finishing

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RESERVATIONS REQUIRED or REQUESTED FOR:

- Commodore's Ball –
by Wednesday,
January 18 via RSVP
card or to the Vice
Commodore

- An old, wooden dinghy or two – so they can restore it and launch it in the spring
- Ship tools
- Ship models

If you have something to donate, please contact Courtney DeVaughn, Pride of Baltimore, Inc. 1801 South Clinton Street, Suite 250, Baltimore 21224.
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Racing Corner

[*More Info Next Month*](#)



Junior Sailing Program – Ages 9 - 16

Junior Training 2012 – Anticipation building – Exciting!

By Zoe Forsyth, Fleet Captain Junior Training



Start Thinking about Summer Sailing for your kids.... **Registrations start in March**

Junior Training Sailing Course. As in the past, we expect the two week MRSA-Grachur Summer Sailing Course to be very popular and to fill up quickly. There has been a waiting list every year.

The camp is limited to forty (40) junior sailors, ages 9 through 16, and will run weekdays from Monday, June 18th through Friday, June 29th. **If your kids are interested, be prepared to move fast when, on or about March 1st, the Registration forms will be**

made available in the "Juniors" section of the MRSA website, <http://www.magothsailing.com/bin/junior.php>.

The cost is expected to be similar to 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 one day for each camper from their family.

MRSA and Grachur Club members will get priority until the **Members' Priority Registration Date** which will be stated on the Registration form. After this date, applications will be considered from non-member junior sailors (those whose parents or grandparents are not members of MRSA or Grachur.) 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.

Necessary Forms The 2012 Registration Form, the Release Form, and the Medical Waiver Form should be submitted at the same time and will be available on the MRSA web site as explained above.

For More Information, call Zoe Forsyth (410-315-9548) or Joe Tierney (410-544-1723) or e-mail junior_training@magothsailing.com



Oh, By the Way

[Commodores Ball – Saturday, January 28](#)

Please RSVP by January 18 by returning the reservation card accompanying your formal invitation or phoning or E-mailing the Vice Commodore at 410-544-2551 or vicecommodore@magothsailing.com.

[Editorial Comment](#)

The Dutch Ship Island controversy has become even more stupid. Stand by. – ED



Treasure the Chesapeake!



The photos this month are all from the Wine and Cheese slash Election of Officers gathering at the Belvedere Yacht Club back on December 1. In case you do not recognize some of the people, to the left is a nice portrait of Mary Gendell; to the right, Bert & Kathy Polk with Philippe Massiee. Pictured on the next page upper left are Nominating Committee Chair Dick Kammann with his wife Marianne (left) and new Commodore Debbie Lund (right). Upper right shows Immediate Past Commodore Jon Mullarky pontificating for his last time as Commodore. Lower left are the happy faces of Sigi & Myron Dorf with while lower right happy faces belong to Sue Kirkendall, Gabriella Belli, and Laura Bonham.





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**Treasure the
Chesapeake!**



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Picture by Bill Paul

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