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The Monthly Newsletter of the Magothy River Sailing Association

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Calendar of Upcoming Events

- **November 3, THIS IS A DATE CHANGE, Saturday:**
Frostbite Cruise, Maryland Yacht Club
- **November 4, Sunday:** Hallie Rice Fall Series Races 9-10
- **November 19 – January 1, 5 – 10 PM:** Lights on the Bay,
Sandy Point State Park, to benefit the
Anne Arundel Medical Center
- **December 6, Thursday, 6:30 PM:** December Member Meeting
With wine and cheese, and
Election of Officers Belvedere YC
- **December 8, Saturday, 5:00 PM:** Annapolis Parade of Lights
- Room at the Annapolis Marriott
- **January 19, Saturday, 6:30:** Commodore's Ball, Gibson Island Yacht Club



Commodore's Comments

– summer, alas, is over for this year



By Debbie Lund, Commodore

It is hard to believe that it is November and the 2012 sailing season is winding down. The summer was hot but the fall has been great sailing. The last scheduled cruise is to the Maryland Yacht Club on November 3rd and 4th and the last race in the Hallie Rice Fall Series is on Sunday, November 4th. Just because it gets too cold to sail, it isn't too cold to socialize. Please continue to participate in MRSA activities during the winter months.

For the Parade of Lights in Annapolis on December 8th, MRSA rents a room at the Marriott. We will have the same room as last year which is in the front of the hotel and has a great view of the harbor. Also in December is the Wine and Cheese and the election of officers.

The Commodore's Ball will be January 19th at the Gibson Island Club.

As I am writing this article, Hurricane Sandy is threatening the Bahamas and the United

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States. The path of the storm is uncertain but I'm sure that we will spend the weekend preparing for the storm. I am hoping that the storm will stay off the mid-Atlantic coast and not track too close to the Chesapeake Bay.

I hope that everyone has a great Thanksgiving – don't eat too much!

October is boat show month. It is always a great time to look and dream at the new boats and equipment. You can get some good deals at the show.

See you on the water!



"Sail Fast - - - Live Slow."

- as overheard in the British Virgin Islands

Upcoming Cruises & Events

[December 6 Membership Meeting with Wine and Cheese](#) [- and Election of Officers for 2013](#)

Submitted by Snooze U. Lose, Electee

The annual Election of Officers is an important event – which usually has a good turnout. Of course the large selection of wine, cheese, crackers, hot and cold finger foods, and assorted goodies may have some influence on the turnout on an otherwise slow and cold Thursday night in December. Please bring some goodies to share at the Belvedere Yacht Club. Liquid refreshment of all sorts (including diet stuff – to go with all the high calorie stuff) will be furnished by MRSA. Starts at 6:30 at the Belvedere Yacht Club. For directions please contact Angelo Guarino at race_committee@magothysailing.com.

[Annapolis Parade of Lights](#)

[- Room at the Annapolis Marriott](#)

Submitted by O. O. OHH & A. A. AAH Spectators

Commencing at about sunset (1644) on Saturday, December 8, the crew will begin gathering at the Annapolis Marriott (room 520) on the waterfront to OOH and AAH at the Annual Parade of Lights. If you have not been to the parade, or have not brought your children and friends to this event, this year would be an excellent time to start! The creativity of the lights on dozens of boats parading in the harbor is something spectacular to see. And MRSA has been doing this room thing at the Marriott long enough that our room is in one of the most prime locations in the building. (And if it were not, you could probably "crash" one of the other group rooms anyway.) Please bring a finger-snack to share; drinks will be provided by MRSA. The parade will begin with the sounding of a gun (or something) at *precisely* 1800 (also known as 6 PM for your landlubber guests). All eyes will be on the darkened harbor at 6, when suddenly the lights appear to dazzle the fans for about two hours of uninterrupted parading on both sides of the Eastport Bridge – with appropriate openings to "trade sides." As you may anticipate, this is a major event in the harbor and City Dock area, so car pooling and panning ahead for parking is recommended. Plan now for the parade of the year. A good time will be had by all – trust me!

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[Commodores Ball – January 19, 2013](#)

Submitted by F. Astaire & G. Rogers – Ball Dancers

Time to check your wardrobe, clean your tux, get all those stains off your cummerbund, check out the latest Macy's One Day Sale for a new ball gown, peruse the consignment shops for those perfect "gently used" accessories – and maybe do a few leg exercises. Or perhaps you will just plan to spend a few days at the Mall?! The much anticipated Commodore's Ball will allow you to show it all off at the Gibson Island Yacht Club Clubhouse on Saturday evening, January 19! You will soon be receiving written invitations in the mail. **Please be sure to RSVP** in kind to the name on the card so that preparations may be made for food, entertainment, and seating for your party. See you there!



Tall-Tales of Past Cruises and Events

[October Membership Meeting at Hellas](#)

Submitted by Peggy Poe – photo-journalist

Left to right: Our distinguished speaker with Joe Berchielli, Dick Paden, and Kent Schaeffer.



[October Bird Cruise to Swan Creek](#)

Submitted by Dick Kammann – photo-journalist, bird & anchor watcher

When is the Goose Cruise not a Goose Cruise? When it is held in SWAN Creek. Sooo, it was renamed the Bird Cruise to be aviarily (another new word for the dictionary) correct. Now, we have to rename this year's cruise the Birdless Cruise. Other than a few hardy seagulls, there were no birds out there. Not that the weather was particularly bad, cold maybe, but



not too bad...until 0300 hours when the wind came up. But I'm getting ahead of myself. *Renaissance* motored the short distance from Kent Narrows to Swan Creek about mid day on Saturday, October 13th. We had agreed to be the cruise leader/party boat after Tony

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RESERVATIONS REQUIRED or REQUESTED FOR:

- *Commodore's Ball – by Wednesday, January 9 PLEASE via RSVP card or to the Vice Commodore*

PHOTO CREDITS:

Special thanks to all the people who have taken good pictures this year for

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Torres had to back out due to boat issues. Shortly after we dropped the hook in Swan Creek, Mike and Laura Bonham on *Frequent Flyer* tied up alongside to starboard. About an hour later John and Debbie Lund came alongside to port. And that's all folks! I remember Goose Cruises past where we had 15-20 boats. What's going on here? Is it a function of tight money, unfavorable weather patterns, and people with so many conflicting commitments?

We were all secure by about 1500 hours which left time for a nap before the social hour. The cool weather drove us inside on *Renaissance* where we enjoyed the usual MRSA social with good food and drinks. But that was only after we witnessed Debbie Lund once again demonstrating her boating knowledge and expertise aboard *Min Van IV*.

John and Debbie had noticed a vibration in the shaft when coming in to the creek. John was concerned there was a transmission problem but, after rafting alongside, ruled out anything wrong with the tranny. Debbie then donned a wet suit and with assistance from Mike Bonham (see photo) went over the side aided by an air compressor and long air tube. She discovered a loose zinc on the shaft, and was able to remove it. Problem solved! Our Commodore is hands-on and not just a competent manager!



Maybe we enjoyed the social too much, because we decided that we would leave the boats rafted for the night. At 0300 the wind picked up and resulted in a sleepless night for the Captain aboard *Renaissance*, who sat up in the salon babysitting the anchor. Thankfully, the anchor did not drag; although I witnessed a 0330 anchor drill on a nearby catamaran. My concern that the anchor may drag must have been shared by our rafted neighbors. I saw cabin lights occasionally through the night on *Frequent Flyer* and *Min Van IV* as well. So we were all a bit weary in the morning when it was time to head home into a 15-20 knot blow out of the SSW. Sound familiar?

The trip home was bumpy but not bad, at least for *Renaissance*. Bottom line, it was a good weekend and I hope we can encourage more participants in the future, both people and birds.

[Labor Day Cruise on the Chester River](#)

By Debbie Lund, Commodore

The MRSA cruisers spent Labor Day Weekend on the Chester River. On Saturday, the Jon, Mike and Rob Mullarky, Fred and Sue Betz, Ed and Peggy Poe, Joanne and Bill Trepp, Myron and Sigi Dorf and John and Debbie Lund cruised up Langford Creek and anchored in Lovely Cove. The cove was named appropriately. On Sunday morning, the MRSA cruisers gathered for brunch and were joined by Jackie and Jim Demerest and Shirley and Walt Wise from PSA, who happened to be anchored in the same cove. This was not planned but it was very nice to join forces. There was plenty of food and drink. After the brunch, the group split. Three boats went home and the Lunds, Poes and Betzes went to Reed Creek for another party. This is the third year that the Eatons (friends of the Lunds) have invited MRSA cruisers to their Labor Day Party. Bill Eaton wanted us to bring 16-18 people-so next year we need more people! On Monday, the weather forecast was correct and there was a thunderstorm early in the afternoon. It was nasty – no visibility and winds to 30 knots. Everyone arrived home safely.

Frostbite CRUISE - November 3 - 4

- Maryland Yacht Club

Submitted by the Dorfs – Cruise Leaders



Since last year's cruise to the Maryland Yacht Club was a big success and they made us feel so welcome we did it again this year. MYC is a full service Yacht Club with fine food, reasonably priced, and great views of Rock Creek and the Patapsco River.

We had a goodly crowd on a peaceful evening overlooking the Patapsco – with several sail and power yachts in view through twilight.

After a leisurely social hour, dinner tables were ready to the side of the dance floor for about 30 MRSA members, including our newest members, Dave and Denise Pirone, shown in the photo with Dick Kammann. Also shown, Kathy Polk, Marianne Kammann, and Laura Bonham.



Shown warming up at the fire at left, with the MYC burgee, Sheryl & Wes McNair, Chris Poulson, Peggy Poe, and Rich Hughes.



Special Membership Notices and Announcements

[Nominating Committee Report for the 2013 Slate](#)

Submitted by Toni Hughes, Chair

Nominating committee is pleased to report that for 2013, the following MRSA members have agreed to serve in the following capacities if elected at our December meeting:

Commodore	Dick Paden
Vice Commodore	Chris and Norm Poulsen
Rear Commodore	Gene McCollum
Secretary	Sue Kirkendall
Treasurer	Homer Sandridge
Fleet Captain Cruising	Myron Dorf and Mike Bonham
Race Committee Chair	Angelo Guarino
Fleet Master Junior Training	Zoe Forsythe
Fleet Master	Ben Reed
Immediate Past Commodore	Debbie Lund

We are indebted to this year's committee of Toni Hughes, Dick Paden, and Dave Kemp for their diligent efforts to provide such a fine slate of officers for the coming year.

[Racing Crew Joins Up](#)

Submitted by Peggy Poe – Membership Chair

The Pirone family, Dave and Denise, are pretty smart! You might ask why. First of all, they are the latest to join MRSA, and we all know that it is fun to be members of Magothy River Sailing Association. Racing, Cruising, Fun Meetings, Parties – what's not to like?

Dave and Denise sent in their application in September and were voted into membership at the October Board meeting (BOG). The Pirones have the benefit of membership for the end of 2012 and all of 2013 for the price of one year. What a deal! See what I mean? Pretty smart!

Dave and Denise live in the Milburn neighborhood in Pasadena, and Dave has been racing with Jack Lusby on *Vagabond* on Wednesday nights for more than ten years. The Pirones joined the cruisers at Maryland Yacht Club for the frostbite Cruise on November 3.

We're glad to welcome Dave and Denise to MRSA membership, and encourage other crew members so join us as well.

[HELP WANTED for *The Red Book*](#)

By Debbie Lund, Commodore

For several years, Kathy Dougan has been the editor of the *MRSA Red Book*. Due to family issues, she is stepping down as the editor. If anyone is interested in becoming the editor, please contact me at dlund210@gmail.com. Kathy says the only requirement is to be familiar with Word. She has it well organized and the time commitment is in January to early March. If you have questions regarding the job, please contact Kathy Dougan.

If anyone is interested in becoming a BOG member or helping with the Club, please contact me. Please remember that MRSA is run by volunteers. The programs cannot happen unless there are people to organize them. A new slate of officers will be announced in November and voted on in December.

[MRSA Classifieds - good deals from MRSA Members](#)

For Sale: Kingston SS dinghy davits, 350 lb. capacity, removable, includes optional fitting to turn one arm into an outboard motor lift. Like new. List price \$1898, Defender Marine price \$1189 (plus \$83 motor lift adapter), asking \$850.

See at <http://www.kingstonanchors.com/davits.htm>.

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Racing Corner

[Time to think about Spring 2013](#)

Although there are a few hearty souls still sailing out there this winter, and sailing for a racer always means looking for an unsuspecting sailboat to pass, it is time to check on your boat. Remember to check dock, mooring, or "hard" lines every few weeks to be sure everything is secure and like you would like it to be for the anticipated weather. This may also be a good time to make a few little repairs or do a little corrosion or varnish work – especially for removable parts that can help you through the Ravens commercials on a cold Sunday afternoon. Nothing is more frustrating than to discover too late that chaffing gear failed or a fitting has broken to require "a pound of cure" in the spring time. You can also brighten your chores by looking up *Sailing Down the Chesapeake Bay* on the Internet and listening to the rousing banjo rendition while thinking of your favorite or a future sail of your own.

Please contact Angelo Guarino at race_committee@magothysailing.com for more details on how to be a successful racer next spring.



Junior Sailing Program – Ages 9 - 16

[Junior Training 2013 – stay tuned...](#)

By Zoe Forsyth, Fleet Captain Junior Training

See you next year! Questions? Contact Zoe Forsyth at 410-315-9548 or junior_training@magothysailing.com.





“Not Alone” - The Birdless Cruise – by Dick Kammann (I think – ED)

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Picture by Bill Paul

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

***Treasure the
Magothy!***

