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The Monthly Newsletter of the Magothy River Sailing Association

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## Calendar of Upcoming Events

- July 4<sup>th</sup> etc.: 4<sup>th</sup> of July Independence Choptank Cruise
- July 4 – Aug 18, 10 – 4 daily: West River Artists, Quiet Waters Park – featuring Carolyn Councill and 18 others
- July 8 – 19, Monday through Friday each week: Junior Training at The Grachur Club
- July 10, Wednesday: Yet Another Wednesday Night Racing Raft-Up Social
- July 20 – 21, Sat – Sun: Whitehall Bay and Mill Creek Cruise (with Cantler's)
- August 10-11, Sat-Sun: St. Michael's Cruise and MRYC Lobster Feast



## **Commodore's Comments – Here Comes The Heat!**



*By Dick Paden, Commodore*

I hope everyone had a great time sailing in June; the long days have been great for an evening sail. June 21<sup>st</sup> was the Summer Solstice, the longest day of the year. Donna and I had a wonderful sail that afternoon from our marina on the Magothy River all the way across the Bay on a Starboard tack before we headed southwest to Whitehall Bay. We arrived at 8:30 PM and had plenty of nautical twilight to navigate the day marks marking the entrance to Mill Creek. I am afraid it may have been our last night sleeping aboard before summer's humidity arrives and makes us dream of a

larger boat with air-conditioning. Fortunately we had calm water, a pleasant breeze, and no bugs or humidity. We were conducting advance party reconnaissance for the Whitehall Bay/Mill Creek Cruise on July 20<sup>th</sup>.

MRSA's racing, cruising and social events are well underway, drawing great support and participation, and running without a hitch or an accident. There is an old saying, "if it might rain and you take your umbrella it won't, but if you don't take your umbrella it will rain for sure". Earlier this year we developed a MRSA Incident/Accident Report Form to be used in the event of an unfortunate situation at an MRSA sponsored event. The form is located on the last two pages of the 2013 Red Book. Please carry a copy aboard your boat so our good luck will continue. (Not printed in *The Old Man* – look also in the web site. – Ed)

Our Junior Sailing program is beginning in July this year VS the June start as in previous years. The schedule will be weekdays from July 8 - July 19 and the instruction will be conducted at the Grachur Club's facilities on the beautiful Magothy River. Last I heard, we can still squeeze in two or three more students. Please check with Zoe Forsyth for last minute enrollment. She may be contacted at [junior\\_training@magothysailing.com](mailto:junior_training@magothysailing.com).

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Enjoy Sailing in July but please monitor NOAA's weather reports as summer afternoon thunderstorms often occur. Enjoy Prime Time Sailing! I look forward to seeing you on the water. PHOTO: The 2013 GIYS Commodores Parade.



## Upcoming Cruises & Events

### [4<sup>th</sup> of July Cruise - Choptank River](#)

*Submitted by Dick Kammann – Cruise Leader*

Marianne and I just signed on the host the cruise on the fourth of July. We will have a cruise to the Choptank complete with fireworks and the usual MRSA camaraderie for a full three day weekend celebrating the Fourth of July. Our preliminary plan is to go to Cambridge; but if the fireworks are on the 4<sup>th</sup> we may not be able to do that and will need plan B. Since we just signed on to lead this cruise, we're just starting to plan the weekend. We'll probably head back closer to the Western shore for the later days, maybe to Crab Alley or Dun Cove. We haven't been to Crab Alley as a group for a while, so that may be fun.

In Cambridge, you can take a slip at the town marina or anchor in the basin, or tie up on the basin wall for free if there is space. Give us some feedback. Is Cambridge too far for the first day? Our planning is just starting and I'm sure we can find fireworks on Saturday, the 6<sup>th</sup>. We'll be looking.

### [Whitehall Bay / Mill Creek Cruise July 20-21](#)

*Submitted by Dick and Donna Paden, Cruise Leaders*

We hope you are able to join us in Mill Creek off Whitehall Bay for a rendezvous, hors d'oeuvres and beverages aboard *Renaissance*, Dick and Marianne Kammann's Monk 36 about 6:00 PM on July 20th.

When you enter Whitehall Bay, half way between the Bay Bridge and Annapolis, go to the left to enter Mill Creek, then just look for boats flying the Magothy River Sailing Association Flag. I will be there on *Petite Cherie* our Dufour 27 by 4:00 PM.

After gathering in Mill Creek we will all travel to Cantler's Riverside Inn for dinner about 6:30 PM aboard *Renaissance* to simplify docking. Please let us know if you can make it; [richard.paden@comcast.net](mailto:richard.paden@comcast.net) or if you are arriving a little late give me a call, cell 443-315-7000 and we will save a seat for you.

Although Cantler's does not take reservations on weekends, they do provide a \$31.95 dinner for parties of 10 or more, so please join us.

If you would like to arrive via land yacht, Cantler's is off of St. Margarets Road, 458 Forest Beach Road, Annapolis 410-757-1467 [www.cantlers.com](http://www.cantlers.com)

### [ST. MICHAEL'S CRUISE - August 10-11, 2013](#)

*Submitted by Debbie Lund, Cruise Leader*

Cruise to Longhaul Creek for the **Miles River Yacht Club's Lobster Feast**. Dinner is from 5-7 pm and music from 6-10 pm. The menu includes lobster, clams, shrimp, mussels, potatoes and corn on the cob. The price is \$30.00 in advance, \$35.00 at the door.

I will give the Yacht Club a list of MRSA members who are planning to attend the event.

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There is a limit of a total of 200 people and I know there are other groups who will be attending the feast. Please let me know ASAP if you are planning to attend this event by E-mailing me at [dlund210@gmail.com](mailto:dlund210@gmail.com) or call me at 410-544-2551.

### [September Cruise - Labor Day ... to West River ... to Baltimore!](#)

Submitted by Debbie Lund, Cruise Leader

The Lunds will be going on a two week September cruise starting Labor Day weekend in West River and ending in Baltimore with the MRSA cruise. If anyone wants to join us for 1 or 2 weeks, please E-mail us at [dlund210@gmail.com](mailto:dlund210@gmail.com) or call us at 410-544-2551. We can all decide on where we will be going in August.

### [Swan Creek Race Over and Back \(or Cruise\) - Sept 28 - 29](#)

Submitted by Wes McNair, fast cruiser

MRSA will hold a cruise to Swan Creek the weekend of September 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>, in conjunction with the Potapskut Sailing Association Rock Hall Race Weekend. MRSA members are encouraged to check out the race details and participate if desired, and all racers and cruisers will want to participate in the post-race party. A small party fee will be established for non-racers, and tender service will be available for the Haven Harbor site. More information will follow at a closer date, but advance notice is provided for anyone desiring to reserve a slip at Haven Harbor. Cruise leaders are Sheryl and Wes McNair, [merln.hood38@gmail.com](mailto:merln.hood38@gmail.com), or 443-949-2818.



## Tall Tales from Past Cruises and Events

### [Memorial Day Weekend Cruise 2013](#)

Submitted by Toni Hughes, Cruise Leader

Warm day, strong wind, and sunshine, a sailor's dream. Saturday May 25<sup>th</sup> we found ourselves the recipient of *Fantastic* weather conditions! With Beth Van Fossen on board as crew, (Lewis Neisner made the decision to drive to Wye Island) we headed out to find the wind. First step was to determine if we were afloat in our slip. The wind and full moon had pushed water out of the creeks, rivers, and bay. Yes, we were afloat. We barged our way out Church Creek in seek of an adventure. The wind found us and we saw 20-25 knots the whole way to Wye Island. Beth was valuable to steer while we managed the sails.

Our wind conditions brought us to Granary Creek much earlier than in previous years. Other hardy sailors were *Flying Low*, Kirkendall; *Frequent Flyer*, Bonham; *Min Van IV*; Lund, *Betelgeaux*, Mullarky; *Ravenous*, Poe; *Endless Summer*, Weiss. We were joined on land for happy hour by Padens, Krapfel & Belli, Kammanns, Jon Mullarky, Lewis Neisner, and Sandridges. Ron Hughes from EYC had started the grill and we enjoyed the opportunity to cook hotdogs and hamburgers ashore. It was a beautiful evening with great food and company.

The Sunday morning silly boat inspection brought again some very creative boaters. Who knew a pot holder could become a 3 corned hat? Or that someone would have sheet music along on their boat? We had 14 boats from the 3 clubs participate. The theme was in keeping with the War of 1812. The Mullarky boat had the best "hard tack."

Sunday brought fair skies and lighter wind. More boats arrived to join the group. Kammanns arrived by boat. McNairs, Betz, and Shaffers on *Dulcinea*. Dave and Laura Ellerbrake, now from Arizona, have found themselves the owners of a boat again but

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**RESERVATIONS  
REQUIRED or  
REQUESTED FOR:**

**Church Creek-** to  
Toni Hughes, by  
Tuesday, June 18

**Newcomers & Dog  
Day** – to Peggy Poe,  
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by Tuesday, June 25

July 4 – Choptank – to  
Dick Kamman, 410-  
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arrived via car. The Stamps came by land yacht bringing an EYC friend. The afternoon games were enjoyed with the perfect weather. We have suffered through the event with temps close to 100. Not this year. Beautiful 75! Mike and Laura Bonham had their creative juices rolling. They won the silly boat inspection and had honorable mention in the art contest. Something about not following the instructions....

The chicken dinner was delicious as well as the usual fare of excellent side dishes. No one went to bed hungry. A fabulous night of great sleeping on the boat, cool night no bugs.

Monday the trip home was a rather calm and windless motor boat ride – but again, not too hot!

### [Cruise to Church Creek on the South River – June 22-23](#)

*Submitted by Toni & Rich Hughes, Cruise Leaders*

When Toni and I went down to the beach area Saturday afternoon at 1500 to wait for the cruises to Church Creek arrive, there were already three boats anchored in the creek, *Flying Low* (Al and Sue Kirkendall), *MinVan IV* (John and Debbie Lund) and *Take Five* (Dave and Laura Ellerbrake). By 1700 when the Happy Hour started at the beach house, three more boats had arrived, *Starlight Express* (Joe and Diane Jackins), *Frequent Flyer* (Mike and Laura Bonham) and *April Fool* (Dick and Dretta Peterson) and shortly thereafter, *Merlin* (Wes and Sheryl McNair) and *Tide Dancer* (Homer and Sheri Sandridge) joined the party. It was great to see so many boats anchored in our creek. Ed and Peggy Poe joined the party by land yacht as well as two EYC members and good friends of MRSA, Ron and Dawn Hughes. Although there were reports of light winds on the Bay, the breeze in the creek for the happy hour was wonderful.

It was great to have Long-time MRSA members Dave and Laura Ellerbrake join us for the cruise. They are back on the East Coast from Green Valley, Arizona to get back to sailing. They recently purchased a Catalina 36 that they renamed *Take Five*. They have spent several weeks since they got the boat getting it ready to take to Maine. Their plan is to keep the boat in Maine and live-aboard during the summers and return to Arizona for the winters.

It was also great to see the Jackins upon their return from a winter “down south.” They returned to Maryland just before Memorial Day and immediately spent three weeks cruising the Southern Bay. Joe called on Friday and said that they were in Solomon’s Island and would try to make it to the cruise by Happy Hour. Of particular note is that they were EARLY for happy hour. Most people forget how to tell time when they are cruising but maybe the Jackins are trying to start a new trend!!!

Sunday morning, the cruisers donned their foul weather gear to head up the hill to our house for an Omelet Brunch. All the foul weather gear draped across the front porch was quite a sight to see. The cruisers were joined by Commodore Dick Paden and First Mate Donna, with Wally and Jean Gribbin, and Marianne Kammann who arrived by land yacht. Ed and Peggy Poe returned along with Annabelle, their Springer Spaniel, who enjoyed Emmylou’s company. The potluck brunch, including the twenty-five omelets met the MRSA quality food standard and the company was superb.

### [Fourth of July MRSA Cruise, 2013 – and a \*\*BIG OUCH!!!\*\*](#)

[You will definitely want to read about this one...  
and sail \(and anchor\) safely out there!!!](#)

*Submitted by Dick Kammann, with assistance from Laura Bonham*

This cruise has, in recent years, become a Choptank River Cruise. The longer 3-day weekend gives sailors from the Magothy area more time to travel to locations in the Choptank to see fireworks. This year, however, the schedule threw us a curve that even

Brian Roberts couldn't hit (notice the Orioles reference cleverly inserted here).

With the Fourth being on a Thursday, Cambridge and Oxford were having their fireworks that day. Only St. Michaels, not in the Choptank unless you take the back door from San Domingo Creek, had fireworks on Saturday, the 6<sup>th</sup>. That was the ideal day. So we decided to go to Cambridge on Wednesday and see the fireworks on Thursday, then travel back to St. Michaels for the fireworks on the 6<sup>th</sup>. We anticipated that MRSAers may not be able to join us in Cambridge but that they could join us in St. Michaels. And so it was! No one made it to Cambridge, so Marianne and I enjoyed a quiet dinner on Wednesday night in town at the High Spot Restaurant and watched the fireworks alone on Thursday. We certainly missed our usual MRSA happy hour and camaraderie. The fireworks, however, were Cambridge spectacular!

On Friday we traveled back through Knapps Narrows to St. Michaels to meet up with a couple of other boats and Jeff and Kate Fones, who live in St. Michaels and belong to the Miles River YC as well as MRSA. We anchored just off the YC in Long Haul Creek which is a prime spot for watching the fireworks. Unfortunately, we were too close to a raft-up of two other boats so decided to pull up anchor and move away.

**Boating accidents often happen fast and without warning.** And so it was! Marianne, who is very experienced in anchoring and handling the trawler foredeck, caught her right hand fingers in the chain and windlass gypsy while retrieving the anchor. She amputated the first digit on her fifth finger (pinkie) and ripped the nail off the fourth finger. I won't go into details of the episode, which also included a boating drill since we were playing bumper boats at that point with the anchored raft nearby.

Thanks to a lot of help from friends and other boaters, Marianne was rushed to Easton Memorial ER and treated. She is doing well and in good spirits. I have always known her to be a real "trooper" in times of adversity, but never saw such courage as she exhibited in this crisis.

Jeff and Kate Fones were there to assist with transportation. They fed us and put us up for that first night, and loaned us a car to get Marianne home the next day.

Laura and Mike Bonham called Rich Hughes who they knew was experienced with my boat. They also provided several trips to the boat in their dinghy to get needed medications, etc.

Rich Hughes met me the next day at my house in Grasonville when I brought Marianne home, drove with me in Kate's car to St. Michaels and helped me bring the boat back. We thought the other MRSA members who had joined us in St. Michaels would be very upset that our trawler party platform was not available for the party Friday night and for the fireworks on Saturday (joking of course!). Instead there was an outpouring of concern and understanding.

This incident just confirmed what I've known for my 25 years in MRSA. It is the best organization out there. It has the best people. And many of our best friends are in MRSA. The rest of this article is Laura's account of what happened after we "bailed".

After anchoring Saturday, we assumed the Kammans were napping. I phoned them at 4 pm only to find out the real story about the first mate.

The weekend was hot in temps to say the least. *Euphoria* plugged in at Higgins, and *Frequent Flyer* remained in Long Haul Creek. Mike busied himself cleaning the prop and rewaxing some areas of *FF*. Laura finished a niece's Christmas present with some warm knitting. Saturday night we all enjoyed dinner at MRYC in the AC. Sunday brought continued high temps. *FF* crew never walked the town but dinghed to *Euphoria* for happy hour. We all again had dinner at MRYC who was holding a special holiday event dinner. Incredible fireworks were enjoyed on *FF* with after dinner rum. We all got our anchors hauled by 6:30 a.m. for a cooler trip back to our ports. Despite the high temps, the winds gifted us with wonderful sailing.

## 2013 MRSA Cruise Schedule

*For more information on specific planned cruises, contact the cruise leader*

listed on the schedule. For any general information feel free to contact us directly, Myron and Sigi Dorf (410-255-8330), E-mail [cruising@magothysailing.com](mailto:cruising@magothysailing.com). We wish you all a great summer of fun cruises. See you on the water!

Dates	Cruise	Cruise Leader
July 4 - 7	4 <sup>th</sup> of July Fireworks Choptank River	Dick & Marianne Kammann
July 20	Whitehall Bay with PSA	Dick & Donna Paden
July 27 - 28	Corsica River Race/Cruise CRYC	Mike & Annette Mullarky
Aug 10 - 11	Miles River Lobster Fest	John & Debbie Lund
Aug 17 - 18	Picnic/ Cruise Mil-Bur Cornfield Creek	Myron & Sigi Dorf
Aug 31–Sept 2	Labor Day Cruise West/Rhode River Fireworks	Mike & Laura Bonham
Sept – Labor Day Start	Long Cruise Note: Change to Start Date – Labor Day	John and Debbie Lund
Sept 14 - 15	Baltimore	Al & Sue Kirkendall
Sept. 28 - 29	PSA Race Weekend Swan Creek	Wes & Sheryl McNair
Oct 5 - 6	Goose Cruise TBD	<b>Volunteer Needed!!</b>
Oct 26 - 27	Frostbite Cruise Mike's Crab House Rock Creek	Susan Sharkey & Robert Bell



## Special Membership Notices and Announcements

### *--- Eastport Yacht Club Extends Reciprocity to MRSA ---*

In Mid-March 2013, Mr. William Kocan, General Manager of the Eastport Yacht Club officially welcomed MRSA Members through a formal reciprocity agreement. This is an excellent arrangement for both clubs, especially MRSA Members who now can use the EYC facilities to tie up, and also use their restaurant facilities. **Please remember to take and show your new MRSA Membership Card when you visit EYC. Be sure to thank them when you visit!** MRSA Members may pay for meals by credit card.

### *MRSA Classifieds – good deals from MRSA Members*

**NOTE:** If you see your ad here, and do not contact your Editor before 25 July to continue, July will be the last month it appears. (Except new J-30 ad.)

**For Sale: 1983 J-30 (Encounter).** Completely race equipped with Raymarine electronics for wind, depth & speed, and flux gate compass. Racing sails purchased in 2011 & 2012. Balto-plate bottom. Plan to sell at end of current season. Willing to have interested parties race with us on a Wednesday night race. (No, I am not just recruiting crew). If interested call 410-647-6492 or E-mail [drewdowling@comcast.net](mailto:drewdowling@comcast.net).

**Small Boat For Sale:** 14' Newport built Skipjack #64 with Trailer. Pivoting keel, self

bailing, main sail and jib. Asking \$500. Call Greg at 410-707-8631. ~ (\\_~~(\\_~~(\\_~~

**Gently Used Furniture Wanted:** Wellness House, the Cancer support facility in Annapolis, needs gently used porch furniture and upholstered arm chairs and love seats for their living room. Please call 410-990-0941 or E-mail [info@annapoliswellnesshouse.org](mailto:info@annapoliswellnesshouse.org) if you suitable furniture that you would like to donate. For more info about Wellness House, please visit: [www.annapoliswellnesshouse.org](http://www.annapoliswellnesshouse.org).

**Leftover Anti-Fouling Paint Wanted:** Anti-Fouling Bottom Paint leftovers – any color, any amount. Needed to paint wooden pier ladders to repel barnacles. Please E-mail [bpolkmd@yahoo.com](mailto:bpolkmd@yahoo.com).



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## Racing Corner

*Racing Every Wednesday!!*

*And enjoy the after race raft-ups*

Reminder: MRSA, PSA, Yacht Club of Cape Saint Claire and GIYS sponsor the Wednesday night races on the Magothy. Racers have to be a member of one of those 4 clubs in order to race. All racers are required to do a race committee. Gibson Island donates the use of boat house for party. PSA lets us use tables for party.... and MRSA officers organize, take care of marks and gear, and webmaster is the brains behind the scoring and the website, and of course plan and orchestrate the trophy party. Because it takes quite a while and \$\$\$ to become a member of PSA and Gibson Island (not sure about YCCSC) MRSA generally has more of the racers as members,

Sail fast; sail safe! And may the best boat win (unless yours is not the best boat, in which case, may you be luckier than that best boat)!

Please contact Angelo Guarino at [race\\_committee@magothysailing.com](mailto:race_committee@magothysailing.com) for racing info.



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## Junior Sailing Program – Ages 9 - 16

*Junior Training Sailing Program in Full Sail*



*Submitted by Zoe Forsythe, Fleet Captain Junior Training*

It's almost here! MRSA's Junior Training Sailing Program for children ages 9-16, will be held at the Grachur Club on weekdays from July 8<sup>th</sup> through 19<sup>th</sup>, starting at 8:30 am and ending at 4:00 pm. Beginning through advanced sailors are welcome, and at press time, a few spaces remain. In addition to daily land- and on-the-water instruction, activities include a Regatta, a cruise to one of the finest beaches on the Magothy for picnic lunch and swimming, and the highly anticipated

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



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Photo by Dick Kammann – Cambridge Fireworks 2013.



Photos above: Good lookin' faces in the crowd, including 5 Past Commodores, Memorial Day Weekend on the Wye River 2013.

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

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Above: Church Creek Happy Hour, June 22, 2013.