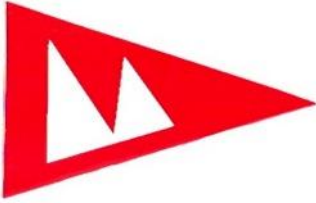


# The Old Man

The Monthly Newsletter of the Magothy River Sailing Association

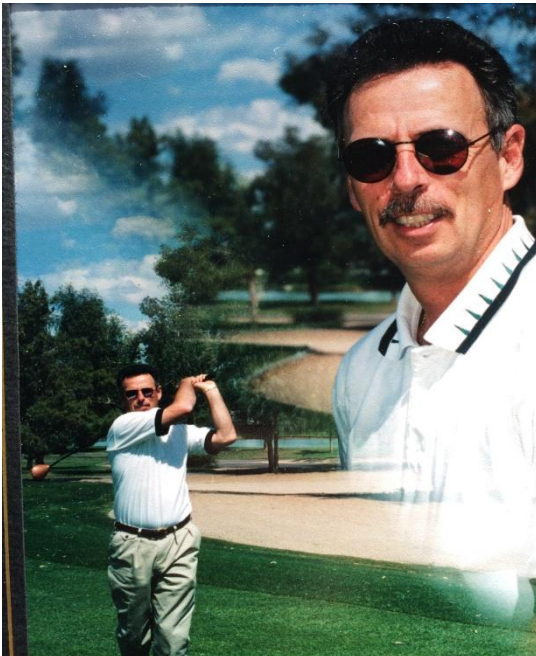


September 2014

## Calendar of Upcoming Events

- September 7 ~ 21 ~~~~\_J) ~~~~ Long Cruise
- September 10, 17, 24 - Series 6, Wednesday Night Racing
- September 20, 21 - Sunday Brunch Cruise at Hughes
- September 27, 28 - PSA Race to Rock Hall
- September 27, 28 - Dessert Cruise

## Commodore's Comments – Hole in One



Please send *Old Man* articles to [newsletter@magothysailing.com](mailto:newsletter@magothysailing.com) by the 25<sup>th</sup> day of the month prior to publication.

In the past, I have incorporated into the commodore's comments some of my pastimes like hunting, fishing, sailing and skiing all of which started as a necessity or means of transportation and evolved into a sport, and then there is golf. Golf was developed only to frustrate and humble you. When I sat down to attempt to show the similarities of golfing and boating, I could find little in common. Golfers never leave land, and they hate the water. They will do anything to stay away from water. Golfers also think that being in sand is bad, they don't like hooks, they ride in little carts with no registration and use clubs to strike the ball for hours. For a golfer, low numbers are good, but in sailing, low numbers mean that you are sailing slow or are about to run aground. If a golfer gets a **hole in one**, they are very happy, but if one of our boats have a **hole in one**, we are not happy at all about it. The only things I could come up with as common ground are that we all like birdies and are very fond of eagles. Also, if someone yells fore, it means that something is way off course, and in our boat if someone yells our depth is four, we are off course and aground. I guess you could think of a tee box

and the green's flag as day marks and the fairway as deep water and a safe place to be. They kind of look the same on a course map and your chartploter, but it's a stretch. The one thing I can tell you about golf is when I started, I had a full head of dark hair. As you can see by this month's picture, if you play enough golf, it will cause your hair to turn gray. So, my advice is don't pass up a day on the water to play golf. Go out and enjoy your boat.

Since the last *Old Man*, MRSA has had some great cruises. We cruised to Miles River Yacht Club for a tasty lobster feast, the August picnic cruise to Mil-Bur in which over 50 people attended to celebrate the club's 40th anniversary and the Labor Day cruise to Gray's Creek and Reed Creek with a great on-shore picnic followed by a night of nature's fireworks to top off the night.

Racing has had good winds for our Wednesday night racing, and the competition has been very close as we head into series six. We have had some very aggressive starts with boats over the start line early, and then there is the poison line which has tripped up a few boats. If you are not familiar with the poison line, ask a racer and they can explain it to you.

Looking on the MRSA's cruising radar, we have the long cruise starting Sunday, September 7, down the bay followed by the Sunday Brunch cruise to Church Creek hosted by the Hughes and the dessert cruise to Vaccaro's in Baltimore.

Well, the wind is dying, so, I think I'll go play a round of golf.

See you on the water.  
*Mike Bonham, Commodore*



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## Upcoming Cruises & Events

### *Sunday Brunch at Church Creek, South River September 20,21*

*Submitted by Rich Hughes*

The cruise for September 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> will be to Church Creek. Church Creek is located on the north shore of the South River and the homeport for *Fantastic*. Plan to arrive by 1700 hours to enjoy happy hour ashore at the Wilelinor Community beachfront. Bring an hors d'oeuvre to share as well as your liquid refreshments. In case of inclement weather, happy hour will be in the community pavilion adjacent to the marina and beach area. Sunday morning, Rich and Toni will host a brunch at their home. If you can't come by boat, plan to arrive by land yacht and enjoy a weekend on the South River. Brunch will start at 0900 hours for the cruisers; land cruiser arrive any time after 0900 hours. The address for the land yachts is 11 Carvel Circle, Edgewater. Home phone: 410-224-4155

Local Knowledge for Church Creek on the South River

Once you enter the South River, continue to day marker Red 12. **The Day marker 14, the previous turning mark into Church has been removed. If you would like to put a waypoint in your chart plotter where R14 used to be, the coordinates were Lat 38° 56.7' N, Long 076° 32.0' W.** The entrance to Church Creek will be at a heading of 340 from the R14 location. There is a community marina at the entrance to the creek that is visible from mid-river. Begin a sweeping right turn toward the marina that is visible. As you approach the entrance to the creek, you will see a speed marker at the entrance to the creek. You should be in 12-14 feet of water. As you approach the speed marker, the better water is to the right side. Once inside the marker, stay to the center of the creek. Continue up the creek.

On the right side just beyond the second pier, you will see a wooden bulkhead. Be sure that you are at least two boat lengths off the bulkhead. Beyond the bulkhead on the left will be a speed marker on the left side along the shore with marsh grass behind the marker. There is a shoal extending two to three boat lengths from the speed marker.

Beyond the speed marker, continue in the center of the creek. Looking ahead, you will see a house with bright yellow awnings. The community marina is on the point to the right of the house with the yellow awnings. Off the point, the creek narrows past a speed marker on a piling. Anchor in the creek before the speed marker. There are pilings about 20 yards off the shore in front of the community area. The floating dingy dock is inside the pilings.

Directions by land yacht to the Church Creek Cruise.

Take Ritchie Highway south to Route 50 West. Follow Route 50 west to the exit (Exit 22) for Aris Allen Boulevard (Route 665). Exit Route 665 at Solomon's Island Road (Route 2). From the exit ramp continue straight across route 2 into the community of Wilelinor. As you are facing Christ Church, turn right onto Grand Oak. Proceed to the stop sign. Turn left on to Wilelinor Drive. Follow Wilelinor Drive until it curves to the left. As Wilelinor Drive turns to the right, continue onto Carvel Circle. The tan house with red shutters on the left (11 Carvel Circle) is the Hughes'. Please park at the Hughes' house and walk down Wilelinor Drive to the end (one long block) to reach the marina.



## **Membership Meeting – October 2, 2014**

As you may have noticed in your *Daymark* last month, we will have a scheduled membership meeting on Thursday evening October 2<sup>nd</sup> starting with cocktails at 6:30 pm. The location is one that is convenient and popular to almost everyone in the area. Café Mezzanotte will present their Signature Buffet; starting with Bistro Salad, Roasted Vegetables, Penne Marinara, Chicken Marsala, Wild Salmon Picatta and for dessert delicious cannoli. Coffee, tea, soft drinks, bread with oil and gratuity are included in the \$35 per person price. A beer and wine cash bar will be available.

A guest speaker will give a short presentation after the meal, so, come early enough to catch up with friends and sailing rivals during this delightful evening. Please send your checks to Homer Sandridge, 814 Mill Creek Road, Arnold, MD, 21012-1129, by September 26th (the commodore's birthday, ed.) so that we can give the Café an accurate count for the evening.

Thank you and see you there,

Dave Pirone

Vice Commodore, MRSA

## ***MARK YOUR CALENDAR***

### **Dessert Cruise September 27 - 28, 2014**

Vaccaro's Awaits for the **September 27th - 28th** Dessert Cruise

**(Please note the Date Change)**

Please join us for the Dessert Cruise to Inner Harbor East on September 27th - 28th! Inner Harbor East Marina has slips available for MRSA. We will have a "light" Happy Hour on the dock at about 5:30 p.m. before walking to Little Italy and feasting on the amazing desserts offered at Vaccaro's Italian Eatery. Sunday morning, we will have a pot luck breakfast in preparation for that hardy sail back to the Magothy. Mimosa's provided by "Flying Low"! Bring your favorite breakfast item to share with everyone. Is your schedule too tight to sail to Baltimore? Then join us by land yacht for Happy Hour and dessert at Vaccaro's. If you plan to arrive by boat, contact Inner Harbor East Marina by September 18th at 410-625-1700 and tell them you are with Magothy River Sailing Association. They are saving some slips so that we can be in the same area of the marina. Please contact Al and Sue Kirkendall at 410-437-3630 or email [alkirkendall@verizon.net](mailto:alkirkendall@verizon.net) to let us know that you will be joining us or if you have any questions

## **Cruise Leaders Still Needed**

November 1-2 Frostbite Cruise to Rock Creek / Mike's North Crab House

## **AUGUST PICNIC/CRUISE - GREAT PICNIC !**

*Submitted by Myron & Sigi Dorf*

It was a sunny day with a slight breeze and, as usual, another perfect day for the August Picnic/Cruise at Mil-Bur as about 50 members, guests, and kids came to enjoy each other's company, the expertly cooked hamburgers and hot dogs, and the delicious side dishes and desserts supplied by the members.

This event also celebrated the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of MRSA. We were fortunate to have three of the founding couples attend and share memories of days and sails past. Bill and Carolyn Paul, who are current members, came and brought along papers and memories from the past. We were also joined by founding members Carl and Fran Kuhne and Bud and Sarah Jenkins. The scrapbook also made an appearance and resurrected old memories and stories. The celebration was topped off with a sheet cake supplied by Commodore Mike Bonham.

No one opted to stay in the creek overnight but 4 families made the trip by boat. They were Wally and Jean Gribbin, Fred and Sue Betz, the Forsyth family and friends, and Shep Drian and family.

### **MRSA PHOTO CONTEST**

*Submitted by Myron Dorf, Judge*

The MRSA photo contest is up and running. There are no entry fees, and there are **prizes** for the winners.

Today's cell phones and cameras are fun to use and the contest is easy to enter, so, show off your creativity and send in some masterpieces. Go to the MRSA website sign in and submit your photos.



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## **Racing Corner**

### ***RACE AWARDS PARTY FOR OCTOBER 8TH AT GIBSON INLAND***

*Submitted by Shep Drain*

Racing: The awards party is planned for October 8th at the Gibson Island Boat House all racers and crew are invited. I will need a list of names of those attending to gain access to the island. We will furnish the drinks and sandwiches, and crews are asked to bring appetizers or deserts to share. If anyone has been interested in racing, this would be a good opportunity to meet folks that are involved in a casual atmosphere (free beer)! You do not need to receive an award to attend.

The next three races will feature the **PINK** fleet for female skippers only, letting the girls have a turn at the helm! Just fly a pink flag ( you can be creative) when you check in with the RC.

## **MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR SEPTEMBER 27TH - PSA ROCK HALL RACE**

*Submitted by John Aellen, Potapskut Sailing Association*

Potapskut Sailing Association is pleased to announce their Second annual Race to Rock Hall scheduled for September 27, 2014. The race format invites participation from 10 sailing classes using CBYRA Region II government marks. The course is expected to be 15 NM and will be set by the race committee the day of the race.

Baltimore Light will serve as the starting mark with a finish on the Eastern Shore near Rock Hall. There will be an on-shore social following the race at Haven Harbour Marina in Swan Creek. The inaugural event attracted 42 participants with two one-design classes. This year, two additional one-design fleets have been added anticipating as many as 65 to 70 race entries. PSA will also host a Sunday Race back to Baltimore Light.

PSA has completed a total reconstruction of its traditional Race to Queenstown that was abandoned after 74 years in favor of a new location with better facilities. The shore party features live music, fresh shucked oysters, wine tastings, Gosling's Dark n' Stormies and offers numerous nautical and home goods through a silent auction. Hot BBQ and other grilled food will be offered by a local vendor.

Rock Hall offers a unique sailboaters' race destination in that the town of Rock Hall, restaurants and marina all offer free shuttle service to boaters. For more information, please contact John Aellen at [psa-sailing@comcast.net](mailto:psa-sailing@comcast.net)

See you at the party!

John Aellen  
Potapskut Sailing Association



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### **MRSA Classified**

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

**HELP WANTED:** MRSA is looking to fill the position of **Editor for the OLD MAN**. If you have a computer, you qualify for the job. If you are willing to take on the job or would like to volunteer someone else, contact: Mike Bonham at [mwbonham@aol.com](mailto:mwbonham@aol.com) or call at 410-439-0507.

**FOR SALE:** *ENCOUNTER*: 1983 J-30 - Details on boat available on <http://www.sailboatlistings.com/view/40776>. Will offer a reduction in listed price to members of MRSA. Contact Drew Dowling at [drewdowling@comcast.net](mailto:drewdowling@comcast.net) or 410-647-6492.

**FOR SALE:** Island Packet 370 "Ariake" for sale. Perfect for cruising the bay (draft only 4' 3" and a well-protected prop) or heading out to blue water (yes, she's equipped), Ariake had most of her electronics and all of her running rigging replaced last year. Visit [ariake.us](http://ariake.us) to learn more about this wonderful comfortable vessel. Contact us before we contract with a broker - email [info@ariake.us](mailto:info@ariake.us).

**FOR SALE:** EUPHORIA: 1981 C&C 40 TMDK: \$58,500. Location: Annapolis, MD



*Euphoria* is a great sailing boat that has a pedigree as a formidable racer as well as a comfortable family cruiser. She looks great on the water. The current owner has been meticulous in her upkeep and has many upgrades to make her an easy shorthanded family cruiser. The April 2014 Practical Sailor said, "The C&C 40 is still turning heads". "A well cared-for edition of this racer-cruiser offers good value". *Euphoria* is definitely a head turner and will be well appreciated by a sailor looking for a striking classic design. A detailed listing can be found at: [sailboatowners.com](http://sailboatowners.com), Ad # 16221. Contact Rod Swank, [rhwank@gmail.com](mailto:rhwank@gmail.com) for more information.

**FOR RENT:** Waterfront island house on Lake Winnepesaukee (N.H.) for rent. 3 bedroom, 2 bath cottage with 125 feet of shoreline and dock, 2 kayaks, 1 canoe. Large deck, flat screen TV, wireless internet, washer/dryer. Lake Winnepesaukee, located at the southern end of the White Mountains in New Hampshire is the third largest fresh water lake in New England; see the bottom through 10 feet of crystal clear water at the end of the pier! Many excellent restaurants and outdoor activities nearby. Google "Black Cat Island" and click on the map to see the location. Still several weeks available this summer. Special rate for MRSA members. Contact Norm and Chris Poulsen at [cnpoulsen@gmail.com](mailto:cnpoulsen@gmail.com) for more information.

## Oh, By the Way

### [OLD Man ... NEW Format](#)

By now, you should have noted the new *Old Man* format – no blue bar on the left. Info on MRSA Officers is always up to date and available on the MRSA web site and **Red Book** any time. Suggestions on tweaking are always welcome (as are good articles...and photos!).

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