

The Old Man

The Monthly Newsletter of the Magothy River Sailing Association



December 2014

Calendar of Upcoming Events

- February 7 - Winter Planning Party
- March 20 - First Day of Spring
- March 29 - March Brunch

Commodore's Comments –

December Happenings

And a very busy December it is, but isn't it always. We started off with our Wine & Cheese party on December 4th at the Belvedere Yacht Club. A very nice attendance contributed to the party's atmosphere. In fact, there were several racers in attendance--a nice surprise. We are not sure who started the rumor that there were trophies to be awarded. Lots of food and yes, wine and cheese, not to mention the dessert table. After a few beverages and food, we got down to business and completed the elections for the 2015 officers. We were shy a full slate for the upcoming year. The Vice Commodore position was not filled. Otherwise, the new officers were overwhelmingly elected and listed as follows:

Commodore—Dave Pirone
Rear Commodore—Shep Drain*
Fleet Captain Cruising—Norm Poulsen
Fleet Captain Junior Training—Evan Clayton
Secretary—Sue Kirkendall*
Treasurer—Homer Sandridge*
Fleet Master Junior Training—John Baumert

*Multi-year

We would like to thank those individuals for coming forward to serve in these key positions and leading our association for 2015

In addition, our standing committee members will continue for another year. We really appreciate their contributions:

Race Committee Chair—Phil Heldrich/Jim Gary
Membership Chair—Peggy Poe
Webmaster—Mike Mullarky
Ship's Store—Loura Bonham
Redbook Editor—Gabriella Belli

We had a great 2014 here at MRSA that could not have been accomplished without the hard work of our departing officers and committee chairs:

Commodore—Mike Bonham
Fleet Captain Cruising—Susan Sharky
Fleet Captain Junior Training—Zoe Forsythe
Fleet Master Junior Training—Ben Reed
Past Commodore—Richard Paden
Old Man Editor—Bert Polk/Mike Bonham

Again, thank You for your help and dedication for the year.

Vice Commodore Events

Since the Vice Commodore's position was not filled during our nomination period, a sheet was passed around for volunteers for the five scheduled membership events. Within several minutes, all of the events had been scheduled. Thank You, Thank You. The list below is only **preliminary**; the final list of dates and locations will be posted in the 2015 *Red Book*:

Annual Spring Brunch/Annapolis Y.C.: Joe & Diane Jackins, March 29
June Picnic: Norm & Chris Poulsen, June 6
August Summer Picnic/Milbur: Myron & Sigrid Dorf, Aug 15
October Membership/Mezanotte: Fred & Sue Betz, Oct 1
December Membership/Belvedere Y.C.: Ed & Peggy Poe, Dec 3
December Parade of Lights: Rich & Toni Hughes, Dec 12?

Please thank these volunteers for stepping forward to fill this office void.

Parade of Lights

Our next event was the Parade of Lights in the Annapolis Harbor on December 13th. We had a great view of the action from our 6th floor vantage point. Beverages, snacks and desserts occupied us before the boats started. As the parade began, some of the boats were recognized from previous years, and then there was the WOW factor of a new boat display. My favorite was the boat with the electronic sails which would sometimes luff the jib and then sometimes the main or both. After, the parade seemed to slow down, but our party continued with lively discussions and sailing stories. A truly entertaining evening. Hope we see you all next year.

Housekeeping

We are still in need of someone to take over the *Old Man* newsletter. Mike Bonham has graciously assumed this task but would like to turn it over to someone who can compile the monthly articles sent in by our members. Entry level computer skills and a computer are required.

A Holiday Wish

May your Holidays be happy and safe during this special season. Enjoy!!!

Thank you,
Dave Pirone
Commodore, MRSA

Ask not what MRSA can do for you, ask what you can do for your MRSA

MRSA Membership Renewal

Submitted by Homer Sandridge

Did you know that the MRSA membership dues are the same that they were 20 years ago? In fact, no one can remember when we had the last dues increase. MRSA membership is a great way to ensure that you take full advantage of all the enjoyment that the Magothy River can offer. Current members should have received the renewal notice several weeks. Please mail your dues check and *Red Book* information to MRSA, P.O. Box 1135, Pasadena, MD 21123 **today**. If you did not receive the dues notice or have any questions, please contact Homer Sandridge, treasurer@magothysailing.com; 443-831-0564.

Confession From the "Dark Side"

Submitted by Dick Kammann

In 2008, Marianne and I made some significant moves in our lives that prepared us for retirement and recognized that we were no longer as agile as we once were. A major concession is that we sold our C&C 41 and bought a Monk 36 trawler.

I have sailed and raced sailboats for most of my life. I am a sailor and will never be anything but a sailor. Marianne joined sailing when she met me and acquired her skills readily and with great interest.

Then, we sold our house on the Magothy, moved to the Eastern Shore and made the gut wrenching decision (at least for me) to go over to the "dark side." Moving to a trawler required some additional decisions – we joined the Marine Trawler Owners Association, MTOA, and became active with their many socials and cruises. We also decided to maintain our membership in MRSA, largely because many of our good friends were in the club. All of my four children (daughter and three sons) grew up sailing and are quite accomplished at the sport. My two oldest sons have also gone to the "dark side". Not because they don't love sailing, but because their family situations made a compelling story to do so.

So, what is my point? Sailors will always be sailors. The MRSA community is more significant than the type of boat you "sail." I love my connection with the sailing community and my opportunities to sail. Last year, I reconnected with a Nuclear Submarine shipmate of mine and sailed a Beneteau 50 out of Newport to Cuttyhunk, Martha's Vineyard, Nantucket and back to Falmouth, MA. That was my fix for the year.

Our decision to stay in MRSA was one of the better decisions we've made. Our friendships there go back 26 years and beyond the type of boat that we own, and no one has ever questioned that we are a "stinkpot." In fact there are several other powerboats in MRSA.

At first, we were in demand as the committee boat for the local races. Then we became the party platform for some of our cruises. All of this we embrace as a good way to stay connected with our MRSA friends.

As much as I would like to go back to a sailboat, it probably won't happen for a lot of good reasons. All I can say is that MRSA to us is not about what boat you own; it's about friendships and enjoying the company of people who share common interests. I think we need to encourage our younger folks to join the organization regardless of the boat that they "sail."

Racing Corner

Hello Racers,

I am looking for input (positive suggestions) on the racing season, how to increase participation for Wednesday night racing, how to make it more fun and enjoyable, comments on raft ups or some other type of social, maybe possible rule changes or scoring changes. Please send comments to race committee.

Thanks,
Shep



Save the Date - March 29, 2015

Submitted by Joe Jackins

The MRSA March Brunch will be held at the Annapolis Yacht Club on Sunday, March 29th at 11:00 a.m. Please mark your calendars and plan on attending. We will hold the traditional ceremony presenting flags to the new Flag Officers for 2015 followed by a good speaker. The 2014 photo contest winners will also be awarded. Look for more details in next month's *Old Man*.

Mariner's Notice

Mariners have you ever noticed that modern day pirates no long have to go to sea, they can just attack you online.

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 or call at 410-439-0507.

Looking to Crew: I live in the mouth of Deep Creek on the Magothy and am interested in finding a boat to race on for next year. I am an experienced sailor (not a racer) and own a Cal 29 and 15' day sailor. Contact is wgoodhand@moog.com or Rick Goodhand 410-693-5424.

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 to learn more about this wonderful comfortable vessel. Contact us before we contract with a broker - email info@ariake.us.

FOR SALE: ISLANDER 36 1980

Designer : Alan Gurney Builder: Islander Yachts
LOA : 36'01" LWL: 28'03" BEAM: 11'02" DRAFT: 6'0"
Displacement: 13450 lbs. Ballast: 5450 lbs. Sail Area: 576 sq ft.
Fiberglass hull. Eggshell color.
Equipment:

Schaefer head furler. Raymarine instruments: Wind, speed, log, depth, Raymarine autopilot, Raymarine GPS.
Radio: Standard. Sails: North Main, Genoa 150 percent, Genaker. Winches: 4 at cockpit, 4 on mast, 1 on deck.
Spinnaker boom on deck. Dodger, bimini and extension, side panel. Engine: Pathfinder 50.
Price: \$24,000.
PHILIPPE MASIEE
PHONES: 410-647-5777, 410-255-1586

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 for more information.

MRSA Ship's Store

Visit the MRSA Ship's Store by going to the MRSA website and click on the Ship's Store tab and you will find all the products you can order with our MRSA logo.

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Please send *Old Man* articles to newsletter@magothysailing.com by the 25th day of the month prior to publication.

Info on MRSA Officers is always up to date and available on the MRSA web site and *Red Book* any time. Suggestions on tweaking the *Old Man* are always welcome (as are good articles...and photos!).

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**Treasure the
Chesapeake!**



Photo by Mike Bonham



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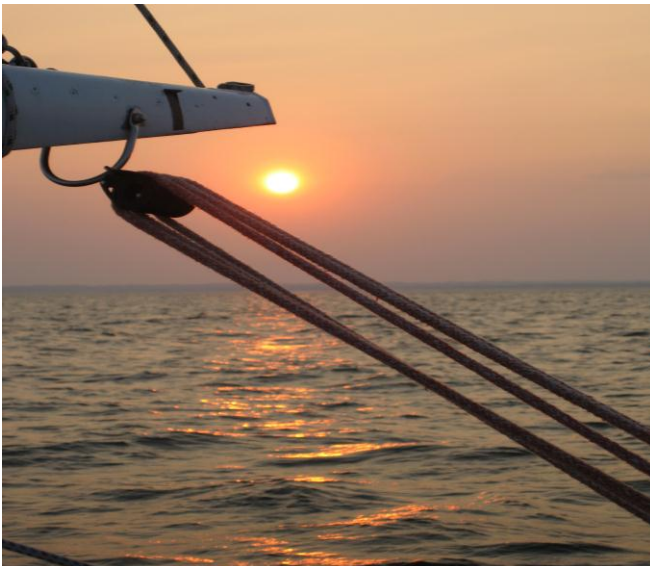


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Please do your part to restore the Bay and *actively make it cleaner.*

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