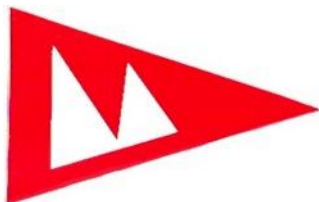


# The Old Man

The Monthly Newsletter of the Magothy River Sailing Association



January 2015

## Calendar of Upcoming Events

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

## Commodore's Comments



The holidays are over, and it sounds like a real **COLD** front is approaching from the north. Another week of below average temperatures will cloak our area. Just what are we to do? I am not sure about you, but I am starting to get excited. Now that the Winter Solstice has arrived, the days are getting longer. I am stocking up on needed boat and engine supplies, shopping for the best prices while the supply levels are abundant, planning for new paint on the metal parts below the waterline and reviewing the plans for a successful MRSA social, racing and Junior Training schedule. Oh, by the way, speaking of schedules, please mark your calendars for March 29th when MRSA will begin the year with our annual Spring Brunch to be held at the Annapolis Yacht Club. I am

sure you will hear more from Diane and Joe Jackins in the coming weeks. Still have your calendars out? How about the boat shows for 2015:

Bay Bridge Boat Show	April 17 - 19	(mostly power)
Annapolis Spring Sail Boat Show	April 24 - 26	
US Sailboat Show	Oct 8 - 12	
US Power Boat Show	Oct 15 - 18	

I know many of you are also planning engine or system refits. If your boat is "on the hard", please use caution when climbing ladders or scaffolding. If your boat is in the water or you frequently walk on a icy pier, even more caution must be exercised. Take a few minutes and check the [beyondcoldwaterbootcamp.com/en/1-10-1-Principle](http://beyondcoldwaterbootcamp.com/en/1-10-1-Principle) web site. The 1-10-1 principle is an eye opening view of precautions that should be taken and one of the only times when it is advantageous to be overweight (see the graph). I have a friend who fell off the bow of his 35' boat in *freezing* water and didn't think he would make to his transom and boarding ladder.

Have a friend?

Do you know someone who loves sailing, boating or has a great love of the water here on the Magothy? Invite them to one of MRSA's social activities. There is always plenty to share--our fine cuisine, great boating stories or our vast knowledge of the Chesapeake.

Yes, there are a lot of preparations for the upcoming months, but before you realize it, the days will be getting shorter (on June 21st). So, think spring; MRSA has a very busy and enjoyable boating season ahead. Make us part of your boating season.

Thanks,

Dave

## 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 as 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](mailto:treasurer@magothysailing.com); 443-831-0564

### Repower once in a Blue Moon

*Submitted by Norm Poulsen*

OK, so the time has come to replace the 28-year-old Perkins 4-154 diesel in Blue Moon. More and more is going wrong with it; it is held together with JB weld, fiberglass cloth and epoxy and wire. The injector pump is leaking, and the oil pressure is slowly dropping after the bearings sat in seawater for a week a couple of years ago due to a malfunctioning anti-siphon valve. It looks like a rusted lump of iron, and worst of all, it is the relatively rare "Japanese-built" Perkins, so parts are hard to find or non-existent.

I knew this was coming and thought engine replacement would be a great retirement project, so, I went to the Annapolis Boat Show ready to buy a Yanmar 4JH5E, an appropriately sized diesel. I was told that Yanmar no longer makes that model but for the same price, I can get the newly designed, computer controlled, common-rail diesel that has been in production for 2 months. I am not happy about being one of the first to get a new model engine, but put down a deposit anyway. A bit later, I run into Nigel Calder, the guru of boat maintenance and get to talking with him about the new engine. He says it would probably be smoother, quieter and more



fuel efficient than the older models but then adds “of course, if your boat is struck by lightning, you will not have an engine.” The electronics will be fried, and the diesel will not run until they are replaced. I personally know 5 people whose boats have been struck, one twice. I can get by without a GPS or depth finder but not without an engine, so, I canceled the Yanmar, looked around for a mechanically controlled diesel, and settle on Beta diesels, marinized Kubota engines. Oak Harbor Marina where I have my boat hauled is a dealer and will give me a good price. Stan, the Beta man in North Carolina, recommends the Beta 50 based on the published displacement of Blue Moon, 22,320 lbs, fairly light for a 44-foot cruising boat. The Perkins is 62 HP, but 50 should be OK per both Stan, and a really neat propeller prediction program I downloaded a few years ago the uses 10 data inputs and has proven very accurate. So the engine is ordered, a deposit paid, the engine arrives in North Carolina, and Blue Moon is hauled. At the boatyard, I talk with a boat owner who just put a 75 HP Beta in his Peterson 44, a boat built in the same yard as Blue Moon, which displaces 31,000 lbs. We wonder why my Hylas is so much lighter since it is clearly heavily built. I keep wondering and also wonder what the true draft of Blue Moon is. It is advertised as 4' 11", but I have always felt it was 5' 2" or 5' 3". I accurately measure it, and it is 5' 5", so, it actually sits 6" lower in the water than designed. I have the original drawings by German Frers, the naval architect for the boat, and look to see where the design waterline is, and sure enough, it is 6" lower than the actual waterline. Looking up formulas for pounds per inch immersion, it looks like the boat weighs 8,000 lbs more than it should, or 30,000 lbs! The Beta 50 is not enough engine to push the boat to hull speed! I discuss with Ken at Oak Harbor, he agrees, and I call Stan at Beta. He also agrees, says he will keep the 50 in stock, and I order a Beta 60 instead. It will arrive in January. Now, all I have to do is figure out how to get the Perkins out (not easy in a center cockpit boat) and get the Beta in. To be continued...

## 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

I just wanted to say thank you to all racing crews on the Magothy for 20 great years of racing. 2014 was the last year for Better Times. I have been racing boats since 1970, and it is time to hang up the tiller. It has been great fun and quite adventurous at times, but it is now time to move on to other pursuits like retirement for one. Enjoy the next racing season. Better Times has been sold, she is still in her slip on Broad Creek but will be moved to her new home south of Annapolis in the spring.

Thanks again,  
Bob Simonsen



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## 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](mailto: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](mailto:wgoodhand@moog.com) or Rick Goodhand 410-693-5424.

**SAIL FREE** once a week.... Willing to train but you must be "dedicated" to learning. We may be out in rough conditions, so, this is not for the faint of heart. We leave the dock at 4:30 PM sharp. All summer long, starting mid April. We can teach you if you are able to handle yourself on a "small boat" in heavy weather. Please respond with a contact number, email [SailingDr@aol.com](mailto:SailingDr@aol.com).

**FOR SALE:** 1999 West Marine/Zodiac 8.5 ft. inflatable dinghy with 2009 4 HP 4-stroke Yamaha with very low hours. Needs tuneup. Contact Bill Van Wambeke 443-618-7206

**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:** ISLANDER 36 1980

Designer : Alan Gurney Builder: Islander Yachts

LOA : 36'01" LWL: 28'03" BEAM: 11'02" DRAFT: 6'0"

Displacement: 13,450 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.

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**FOR RENT:** Now taking reservations for the 2015 season. Waterfront home on a bridged private island on Lake Winnepesaukee (New Hampshire). 3 bedroom, 2 bath vintage cottage sleeps 6-8, with 125 feet of shoreline, dock, 2 kayaks, 1 canoe. Located on a pretty cove protected from waves and wind for great swimming but with direct access to the open lake. Western exposure so you can soak up the warm late afternoon sunshine on the large deck. Flat screen TV, wireless internet, and a washer/dryer are included. Lake Winnepesaukee, located just south of the White Mountains, is the third largest natural lake in New England, 22 miles long and 8 miles wide with hundreds of coves and islands. You can see the bottom through 10 feet of crystal clear water at the end of the dock. Quaint towns, multiple outdoor activities for adults and kids, and many excellent restaurants are all nearby. Google "Black Cat Island" to see the location.

Special rate for MRSA members - \$1650/week

Contact Norm and Chris Poulsen at [cnpoulsen@gmail.com](mailto:cnpoulsen@gmail.com) for more information and pictures.

## 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](mailto:newsletter@magothysailing.com) by the 25<sup>th</sup> 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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