

# ***The Old Man***

***The Monthly Newsletter of the Magothy River Sailing Association***



**March 2015**

## ***Calendar of Upcoming Events***

- March 20 - First Day of Spring
- March 29 - March Brunch at AYC

## **Commodore's Comments**



Participation--Webster says it is defined as the "act or state of participating , or sharing in common with others." The MRSA Board has been working to insure there is plenty of opportunity to share with others in our boating community. Whether it is family, friends or new members. our social, cruising, racing and junior training schedules will provide a chance for everyone to share.

Our season will officially start off with our Annual Spring Brunch on March 29th at the Annapolis Yacht Club. More details to follow in this newsletter. The *Redbook* will be distributed at the brunch. As you are aware, all of our schedules, rules and member listings and our direction as an organization are listed in the *Redbook*. Our membership is down slightly this year, so keep all the sharing opportunities available to someone who may

inquire "What is MRSA all about?" Take a few minutes to inform them of one of the biggest bargains on the Magothy River, or simply give them any one of the officer's names or emails.

Hopefully, will see you at the Spring Brunch or at one the membership meetings, picnics or on a Wednesday race night on the beautiful Magothy River. Remember--Participation!

Thank you,

Dave Pirone

Commodore, MRSA

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

## **Mark your calendar**

### Meet a Lady Circumnavigator

On Thursday, April 16 at 7:00 p.m., Fawcett Boat Supplies is hosting Doann Houghton-Alico. She will present photographs, video clips and an engaging talk of the 43,000-mile, 41-country circumnavigation with her husband. Doann is an accomplished public speaker and the author of *Voice of a Voyage, Rediscovering the World During a Ten-year Circumnavigation* published last year by Sunstone Press. She brings her love of research into tangents of the events she encountered; her lyrical voice creates a picture of the world few of us know. Carl Safina (author of *Song for the Blue Ocean* and *Eye of the Albatross*) noted: "A rich, entertaining, narrative of an emotionally affecting late-life voyage. Houghton-Alico is a hardy sailor and more important a heart-felt traveling companion."

Copies of the book will be available as well as an opportunity for questions following her presentation. If you've never shopped there for sailing supplies, Fawcett's is located at 919 Bay Ridge Road, Annapolis MD 20403. They may appreciate a call at (410) 267-8681 to let them know you're coming.

Many thanks, jbh

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*"No doubt the universe is unfolding as it should."*

Desiderata

## Be a good neighbor: Know your marina etiquette



There's only one word you need to know to master marina etiquette: Consideration. If you'll consider your neighbor's point of view for a moment, you will usually make the right decision. Here are some pointers to help guide you in building a great relationship with surrounding marina slips.

1) **Slow down.** It's easy to rush at the end of the day. You're tired, it's getting dark and cocktail hour is rapidly approaching. But when you're pulling into a marina, take care to slow down. No wake speed is top speed. Creeping along is better. You have more time to react, you won't create a disturbing wake and you give others a chance to help guide you in.

2) **Dock stern in.** Yes, it takes a little more time to back into your slip, but not only is it much easier to get on and off your boat aft, but you provide a clearer walking path along the docks. This is especially important for boats with large bows or pulpits.

3) **Clear the clutter.** Coil your dock lines, organize your shore power cords, stow watersports gear and life jackets and put away your cleaning supplies. It's getting dark, remember? It's hard to see those hazards, and tripping on a hose on a splintery wooden dock while wearing flip-flops is not a fun way to end a fun day on the water.

4) **Shut it down.** Going up to the marina restaurant for a catfish dinner? Shut down your gear. That means turning off your lights, your marine radio, CD player, television and everything else that can annoy your neighbors while you're gone. A shrieking radio or television can quickly put the damper on a relaxing evening.

5) **Go with the flow.** You had a big day. You're probably worn out and tired. Others probably are too. Some marinas seem to have a bigger nightlife than a daylife, but many wind down. Don't be too rowdy if everyone's turning in early. And, it's helpful to not be too whiny if there's a party a couple of boats over.

6) **Make it snappy.** Need gas? Get it and move along. Need to pack or unpack the boat? Use the designated areas. Don't dawdle around fuel docks or launch ramps. Boaters are generally patient people, but this can be a big source of irritation, especially among the "regulars." Do some advance planning and think about your strategy for dealing with fuel and launching/retrieving efficiently.

7) **Know the rules.** Most marinas have established policies to help ensure a peaceful community. Some rules are common to all marinas and some are "house" rules that deal with special situations that have come up before in that location. Many times you can get the "lay of the land" by having a quick, friendly conversation with the marina manager or your neighboring boaters. One of the most important things to remember is to respect the marina's "quiet hours."

## Racing Corner

Hello Racers,

### CHESSS

CHESSS is a new organization being formed to provide enjoyable racing for Shorthanded sailing (Singlehanded and Doublehanded). There is growing interest in this kind of racing on the bay, and an organizational meeting was held at the Potapskut Sailing Association on Saturday, February 21 at 1000-1200 hours.

This was a chance for those who would enjoy a different kind of challenge in bay racing where the "efficiency" aspects (fancy new sails, racing bottom and well honed crews) are minimized, and the tactical and helmsmanship (and yes, the "Macguyveristic" challenges of inherent inefficiencies found in Shorthanded sailing are what wins races.

The schedule, safety aspects and Shorthanded sailing ethos (look after each other, winning matters less than the inherent challenge, sailing safely) were scheduled to be discussed.

It is hoped that CHESSS boats will be offered starts in numerous bay races.

For more information, contact Rich Acuti [salvage210@gmail.com](mailto:salvage210@gmail.com)

Thanks,  
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## Mariner's Notice

**Mariners:** Have you ever noticed that when your boat is sick you take it to the dock.

## Bay Bites

Bay bites is a new addition to the Old Man of tasty treats that can be made on a boat. I know we all love our boats and enjoy eating, so, dig up your favorite boat recipe from your galley to share with the MRSA members [Please send your recipe to newsletter@magothysailing.com](mailto:newsletter@magothysailing.com), and I will publish it in Bay Bites.

I have received no recipes from the membership to date. It could be that you are intimidated by some fancy recipe, so, I have posted my go-to lunch while under way.

### **Peanut Butter and Jelly**

- 2 slices white bread
- Cover one bread slice with peanut butter
- Cover other slice of bread with jelly
- Place peanut butter slice over jelly slice
- Slice in half and serve

Enjoy, Chef Mike

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**Save the Date - March 29, 2015**

Submitted by Joe Jackins

**Don't Miss the Annual MRSA March Brunch**

Held at the Annapolis Yacht Club

March 29, 2015, 11:00 AM

Submitted by Joe and Diane Jackins

This year, MRSA will hold our Annual March Brunch at the Annapolis Yacht Club. The event is the perfect venue to welcome our new Flag Officers for 2015, to spend time with our MRSA friends after a long winter and to begin thinking about getting our boats ready for the upcoming sailing season. Please feel free to invite guests. Our speaker is Dave Gendell, son of long-time MRSA members Dave and Mary Gendell, and someone who is familiar to many of us.

**Itinerary**

11:00 AM.....Cash Bar

12:00 Noon.....Buffet Lunch (Cost \$35 per person)

1:00 PM.....Presentation by Dave Gendell

**About our speaker: Dave Gendell**

Dave grew up on the south shore of the Magothy River, the oldest of three boys in an active sailing family. He attended the MRSA junior sailing program (winning the sportsmanship award in 1982) and later was Head Instructor at the program. He earned his Coast Guard Captain's license at age 19 and spent college summers delivering boats and leading charters. In 1995, he and a partner started SpinSheet magazine, and he served as the magazine's editor for 12 years. Today, he lives with his family in Annapolis and works in Internet advertising and marketing.

Dave's presentation will be part personal and part historical. The personal part will entail stories of growing up as a Magothy River kid in the 1980's and recounting the early days and founding of SpinSheet. The historical part will include Annapolis and Chesapeake Bay vignettes, tales of World War II boatbuilding in Spa Creek, the Schooner America's time in Annapolis and a rugged winter of 1877 aboard Thomas Point Lighthouse.

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Please email Joe Jackins at [jjack65010@aol.com](mailto:jjack65010@aol.com) to make your reservation and mail the reservation form below and check to Homer Sandbridge, 814 Mill Creek Road, Arnold, MD 21012-1129 no later than March 24<sup>th</sup>.

Captain \_\_\_\_\_  
Crew \_\_\_\_\_  
Guests \_\_\_\_\_

Total Number: \_\_\_\_\_ @\$35= \_\_\_\_\_

## **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 tune-up. 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: \$19,000.

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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.



Photo by Barbara Harbin



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***Treasure the  
Chesapeake!***

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

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