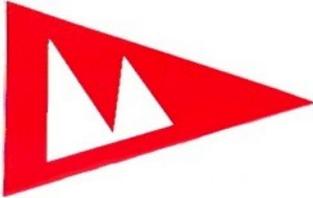


The Old Man

The Monthly Newsletter of the Magothy River Sailing Association



January 2017

Calendar of Upcoming Events

- **Feb. 18 - Cruise Planning Party**
- **Mar. 26 - March Brunch**



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Commodore's Comments

As MRSA Commodore for the 2017 season, I'd like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to Dave Pirone, our Past Commodore, twice! He has worked tirelessly for the club, and I want to give him a huge SHOUT-OUT for all that he has accomplished and for all the help he has given me in my new role.

When few are even volunteering for the race, he is rounding the buoys, tacking around the obstacles, and setting his sails to cross the finish line all for the good of MRSA! Dave isn't looking for accolades or to grab the limelight. He is a team player, he works hard, and he gets things done! After his first term as Commodore, when no one else volunteered, he took the job for a second year. Even now, because we don't have a Vice commodore, he is taking-on those duties.

Dave was born near Pittsburg, Pennsylvania and he moved to Maryland in 1968. With and a group of guys, he rented a house on the water, and that began his lifelong love affair with the Chesapeake. Speaking of love affairs, he married the love of his life and his First Mate, Denise, in 1971.

Not wanting to be too far from the water, their first home was close to where Dave and his friends had rented the house. At that time Dave and Denise were boatless and their older and wiser neighbor recognized that forlorn, boatless look and asked Dave to go sailing on his O' Day. Dave had the time of his life, was bitten by the sailing bug, and he has been hooked ever since.

About a year after they were married, while still suffering from boatlessness they found themselves adrift and roaming around the boat show. It was then that they came upon a King Fisher Day Sailer, the cure for their boatlessness. They bought her on the spot! For about three years, their weekends were spent exploring the Magothy and beyond on their wonderful King Fisher and then came their first daughter.

Of course, with a growing family they needed a bigger boat and they purchased a Catalina 22. The young family set sails to the seas and while the Captain and the First Mate roamed the Chesapeake, their baby daughter slept aboard. As a matter of fact, in 1977 they were such undaunted sailors that they rafted-out the Saturday night before the birth of their second child who arrived the following Monday with a burgee in her hand. (No, that part isn't true.)

Alas, after their third child was born, Dave and Denise were going to school plays, ball games, and other activities, and their Catalina was getting lonely, so, they made the hard decision to sell her and go back to a smaller boat. The smaller boat had a silver lining in that it was not only a day sailer but also a RACER. Ah hah... now Dave was getting into racing, turning the page on cruising and starting a new chapter on his sailing resume.

The challenge and excitement of racing was just what he was looking for, and buying that boat was the beginning of a 25-year racing career. Since joining MRSA in 2012, Dave has crewed on Norm and Chris Poulsen's Hylas 44, Blue Moon, and on Jack and Joan Lusby's CS 33, Vagabond. The first time he crewed in the Governor's Cup, the boat that won 1st place in its class!

Denise now says they are on the "dark side" with a power boat which fits better into their retirement lifestyle. On a beautiful summer day, you can see Dave and Denise walking, possibly with their five grandchildren, from their home to the water's edge on Cornfield Creek, or maybe speeding across the bay to have lunch. On Wednesday night, though, Dave is a racer.

At this part of the story, I come in because at the beginning of January I took over as Commodore. Dave has helped me immensely and has even given me a chart or GPS, if you will, describing everything expected of me month by month. But again, that is Dave, always there to lend a hand and very generous with his time.

I can't say enough about Dave, but to sum it up, he is a real sailor. He knows that navigating the waters can be tricky sometimes, but with a good chart, plenty of hard work, and a team attitude, smooth sailing is around the corner!

Please join me in giving a huge SHOUT-OUT to our MRSA's past Commodore, Dave Pirone!

My best,

Denise

Dennise R. Fath

Commodore, Magothy River Sailing Association

Crew Member Joins MRSA

Inspired by a fabulous 2016 racing season, Capricious crew member, Janet Gawler decided being a member of MRSA was the next step in her sailing career. Janet is the newest MRSA member. The BOG (Board of Governors) of MRSA met on Monday, December 12th and voted on Janet's application.

Janet Gawler lives in Rockville, MD. That distance doesn't keep her from racing every Wednesday night with Ed Poe on Capricious. Janet has her own boat, a Capri 22 named .45 that is kept on a trailer right now.

You can wave to Janet on Wednesday nights when you see her on the water.

Welcome aboard.

Wrap-Up



2016



Future Events



It's not too soon!

Winter is the perfect time to plan for improvements to your house and maintenance for your boat. It is a perfect time to sit in front of the fire (or on the beach if you are in Florida) and write your list of "must-dos". One of the items on your list should be to remind your friends to join MRSA. If they want to start racing, 2017 is the year to start. If they have always wanted to cruise the boat, why not start this year? And if the kids or grandkids are old enough for MRSA Junior Training, becoming a member of MRSA is the way to be sure they can get into the program. The 2016 program had a long waiting list. Check out membership on the website for details or get in touch with **Peggy Poe** at mpoe1@comcast.net.

Cruise Planning Party

Yes, it's still January and winter is only half over, however, it's that time of year to start planning the cruising season. I would like to invite you to the Cruise Planning Party where, besides the opportunity for us all to get together, we will confirm dates and destinations for the 2016 MRSA cruising season. Date: Saturday, February 18, Time: 6:30 PM, Place: Belvedere Yacht Club, 419 Alameda Parkway, Arnold. Members with last names beginning with A-K please bring an entree, M a dessert, and N-Z an appetizer. MRSA will provide soft drinks, beer and wine. I look forward to seeing you there!

PLEASE RSVP - RHSwank@gmail.com

Rod Swank
Fleet Captain, Cruising

Racing Corner



2016 Race results

2016 Wednesday Night Series 1, first place

Multihull 185 Fair Curve John Nicholson
Non-Spinnaker TOT93154 Vagabond Jack Lusby
Spinnaker 1 TOTUSA 9 UltraViolet Dave Prucnal
Spinnaker 2 TOT3445 Capricious Ed Poe

2016 Wednesday Night Series 2, first place

Multihull 185 Fair Curve John Nicholson
Non-Spinnaker TOT83160 Dragonfly John Aellen
Spinnaker 1 TOTUSA 9 UltraViolet Dave Prucnal
Spinnaker 2 TOT3445 Capricious Ed Poe

2016 Wednesday Night Series 3, first place

Multihull 185 Fair Curve John Nicholson
Non-Spinnaker TOT83160 Dragonfly John Aellen
Spinnaker 1 TOTUSA 9 UltraViolet Dave Prucnal
Spinnaker 2 TOT3445 Capricious Ed Poe

2016 Wednesday Night Series 4, first place

Multihull 185 Fair Curve John Nicholson
John Nicholson 83160 Dragonfly John Aellen
Spinnaker 1 TOTUSA 9 UltraViolet Dave Prucnal
Spinnaker 2 TOT3445 Capricious Ed Poe

2016 Wednesday Night Series 5, first place

Multihull 185 Fair Curve John Nicholson
Non-Spinnaker TOT32694 Endless Summer Alan Weiss
Spinnaker 1 TOTUSA 9 UltraViolet Dave Prucnal
Spinnaker 2 TOT3445 Capricious Ed Poe

2016 Wednesday Night Series 6, first place
Female Skipper TOT3445 Capricious Pink
Multihull212 Esterel Michael Daly
Non-Spinnaker TOT93154 Vagabond Jack Lusby
Spinnaker 1 TOT83160 Dragonfly John Aellen
Spinnaker 2 TOT13177 Heyday Shep Drain

2016 Hallie Rice Fall Series, first place
Non-Spinnaker TOT299 Allu Joe Berchielli
Spinnaker TOT53437 No name Brad Hansen

Mariner's Notice

Mariners: Have you ever noticed that you should always be yourself, unless you can be a sailor, then always be a sailor.

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, and I will publish it in Bay Bites.

MRSA Classified

[MRSA Classifieds – good deals from MRSA members](#)

HELP WANTED: MRSA is looking to fill the position of **Editor for the OLD MAN**. The vacancy for this position opens March 1, 2017. If you have a computer, you qualify for the job. No resume or interviews are required. 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.

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.

FOR SALE Pearson 37, Racer/Cruiser, 1982, Hull #10, Bumble Bee

Dimensions:

LOA: 36.92 ft, LWL: 30.08 ft, Beam: 11.83 ft, Displacement: 12524, Ballast: 5400 lbs.

Tankage: Fuel: 35 gal, Water: 70 gal, Yanmar 3GM30 diesel (new in 2001), 27hp, 590 hrs.

Performance

Raced for many years on the Chesapeake Bay by current owners and has proved to be a top level racer (1st, 3rd, 4th and 6th out of 5 Governors Cup Chesapeake Bay Race, plus about 25 trophies in the past 12 years.

Electronics:

Garmin GPSMAP 192C, Garmin network with depth, speed, wind direction and two monitors in cockpit, SailComp 103C racing calculator, Raytheon ST4000 Autopilot with SPX smart pilot, ICOM IC-M45 VHF

Horizon MST30 AM/FM Stereo with tape player

Overall Accommodations, Layout, Equipment

Very stylish low profile lines, nicely set up cruiser with shower, hot water plumbing (need hot water heater), Force 10 stove, sleeps 7, large selection of sails. The mast is the taller version, fin keel, hydraulic vang and backstay, responds very quickly and points excellently up wind. Spray dodger, connecting bimini with back shade (new 2013, used 4 times)

Asking price is \$34,900. Call 410-647-2468, 410-562-3421 or celerity1@verizon.net

Deep water slip (28-42') on the Magothy for rent. Very protected in Black Hole creek across from PSA. Water and electricity available. Call Tom at 443-537-7264 for details! Thanks!

Wanted Cast iron cookware, Griswold or Erie emblem on bottom. Contact the Loura Bonham at louradbonham@gmail.com or 410-439-0507.

FOR RENT: Now taking reservations for the 2017 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 for more information and pictures

FOR RENT: Live like a local in beautiful sun-soaked **Palm Bay, Florida**. Convenient to I-95 and a multitude of shops and restaurants to fit any taste or budget within walking distance to most!

Our private community has a year-round heated pool, 2 tennis courts, playground and shuffleboard for your enjoyment.

Only a 15-minute drive to miles and miles of free beaches and even closer for many golf courses, kayaking, jet ski rentals, fishing (river and surf), manatee watch areas, bowling, cinemas, Andretti Thrill Park and many, many more activities. Disney World is 1-1/4 hours away. Kennedy Space Center is 35 minutes north.

The villa is a recently remodeled 2-bed, 2-bath villa that we rent for weeks or even months. The master bedroom has an en suite bath and vanity area and direct access to the private patio. The second bedroom is at the other end of the villa next to the second bathroom. There is a queen bed in each bedroom. The kitchen is fully equipped with range, refrigerator, dishwasher, microwave, toaster oven, immersion blender, large and small coffee makers, electric teapot with a washer/dryer for your convenience. A propane grill and chairs and tables are on both patios. This is a smoke-free, pet-free villa.

There are flatscreen TV's in the main living area and in the master bedroom with Wifi supplied. We supply beach chairs, bath towels, beach towels, hairdryer, iron, ironing board, beach toys and bikes. Just bring you!

Contact Mike Bonham at mwbonham@aol.com for more information and pictures.



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***Treasure the
Chesapeake!***

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

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