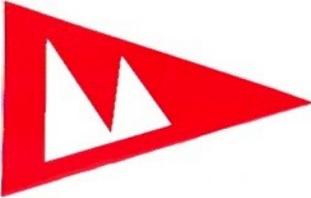


The Old Man

The Monthly Newsletter of the Magothy River Sailing Association



March 2017

Calendar of Upcoming Events

- **Mar. 1 - Registration for youth sailing program**
- **Mar. 26 - March Brunch**
- **Apr. 19 - 1st Wednesday night race**
- **Apr. 29 - Annual Sock Burning Party**



Commodore's Comments

Cruising, Racing and Junior Training Programs.

With all of MRSA looking towards the 2017 Sailing Season and as a MRSA member of only about four years who is now the Commodore, I am trying to get my arms around the divisions of MRSA. I've been involved in only one, cruising; but many of us are curious to know more about our racing and junior training programs.

As a means to that end, in my monthly Commodore articles for the *Old Man*, I will be highlighting active members who have made a definite difference for MRSA. In doing so, I hope to shed a little more light on each division and

also give credit to those who have volunteered their time and who have worked tirelessly to make MRSA such a successful club.

At the end of my tenure as Commodore, I would like to leave a legacy of improved communications between the divisions and a better general membership understanding of cruising, racing and training. Most importantly, though, I hope we all gain a more in-depth knowledge of the volunteer efforts it takes to run our club.

We are one organization, and it would be great if we could share our love for sailing in all its facets--cruising, racing, and training!

Unus pro omnibus, omnes pro uno. All for one and one for all!

My best,

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Dennise R. Fath

Commodore, Magothy River Sailing Association

WW II Veteran Celebrated



MRSA *Old Man* --another famous "old man" was celebrated on Grandeur of the Seas. Marbury and Carolyn Councell and Kathy Polk embarked on Grandeur out of Baltimore on January 23 to the Caribbean--St. Thomas, Antigua, St. Lucia, St. Marteen, and St. Kitts-Nevis. While on board, everyone celebrated our veterans. Marbury was one of four WWII vets. Two of them were in bed before the festivities started, but Marbury was up for the party! George and Caroline Stamps are going on the same cruise later in February.

- Kathy Polk

Crew Member Joins MRSA

When the new year arrives, parents begin to wonder about summer, and how to keep the kids entertained, occupied and out of trouble from June to August. In addition, many parents who live in Anne Arundel County want to be sure to take advantage of the wonderful blessings of the Magothy River and the Chesapeake Bay. What better way than to be able to make sure the kids learn how to sail? And so, new member applications begin to arrive for MRSA.

This month the BOG welcomed two new member families with kids who are interested in Junior Training and one family ready to start racing and cruising.

Jule and Michael Ray live in Severna Park and have three children ready for Junior Training. They are a military family. Mike is a Captain with the Navy and Jule is thinking about helping MRSA by becoming the Editor of our newsletter, *The Old Man*. Jule attended our Winter Cruise Planning Party. They own a Cal 27 named Music that is currently out of the water in Jamestown, RI.

Cat and Ken Kondo also live in Severna Park and are friends of Jule and Mike Ray. They have two children; one 3-year-old boy and a 9 year old ready for junior training. Cat has no sailing experience but really wants to learn. Ken is in the Army. Cat also attended our Winter Cruise Planning Party.

Steven and Pam Braunstein sail a Jeanneau 5045.2 named Healing Power that they keep in Broad Creek. With many years of sailing experience, they are interested in racing and cruising. They came all the way from their home in Rockville to attend the Race Planning meeting.

Please welcome these three new MRSA families.



Cruising Planning Party



On Sunday, February 19th the Cruising Planning Party took place at the Belvedere Yacht Club, and approximately 25 MRSA members attended. The night was perfect for a sailing planning party because the weather had broken, and it was actually balmy in February! The group was in high spirits in anticipation of the 2017 Cruising Season, and most of the cruise leader spots were filled. Everyone seemed to have gotten the same memo because all went out of their way to bring exceptional dishes to share. One member even brought a whole ham, and we had homemade meatballs, and all kinds of main and side dishes. Congratulations to all for a job well done. We could have handed out awards for the food that evening! The dessert was furnished by the club, and it was a half chocolate and half yellow cake, and the icing was a picture of our new Commodore's sv Moxie; it was stunning. Thanks to Mike Bonham for ordering it and to the club for presenting it to the Commodore. Seeing our membership come out of winter hibernation was great but all knew that the lure of the sailing season would do the trick! Peggy Poe, our Membership Chair, introduced us to two prospective MRSA members, Julie Ray and Kat Condo, both of Severna Park. Since the party Julie, Kat and their families have been accepted as members of MRSA, and their children plan to go into junior training. In addition, our racers submitted Steve and Pam Brownstein of Rockville who have also been accepted as MRSA members.

We are off to a great start, and the cruisers, racers and junior training are all gearing up!

Rod Swank
Fleet Captain, Cruising

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.

Annual Spring Brunch

Sunday, March 26th, the Magothy River Sailing Association will have our Annual Spring Brunch at the Chartwell Country Club at 10 a.m. Founded in 1961, Chartwell Country Club is one of the finest country clubs in the Mid-Atlantic region. Come and enjoy the relaxed refinement, gracious style and unpretentious heritage while discussing your spring commissioning, future bay cruising, new racing tactics or just visit with other "Old Salt" members. Captains, **please** pass this notice to your crew members, friends or neighbors, as we always welcome the opportunity for interested sailors to see how friendly and informative we are in MRSA.

Our menu items will include; Belgian Waffles with Whipped Butter and Maple Syrup, Scrambled Eggs, Fresh Fruit, Maple Sausage, Home Fries, Chicken Florentine, Hearty Lasagna, Garden Salad with Parmesan and Balsamic Vinaigrette, House made Danish. In addition, we will have a guest speaker, Merritt Palm Keffer, to further our sailing knowledge.

Chartwell Country Club is conveniently located at One Chartwell Drive in nearby Severna Park, 21146, just off Benfield Road. Admission is \$35 each with a cash bar additional. Two action items to do; send your checks to Homer Sandridge, 814 Mill Creek Road, Arnold, MD, 21012, **and** give me a call (Dave 410-255-4953) with your attending total so I can give the Country Club an accurate count.

Thanks,
Dave Pirone, MRSA Past Commodore

Racing Corner



Chesapeake Racing Cruiser Association (CRCA)

by Mark Walker & Jay Tyson

The purpose for this article is to increase awareness of the cruiser racing on the Bay and within the Magothy River. As you may know, MRSA does have a cruiser class for Wednesday races. However, the class does need several more cruisers to race so the class will be more fun and challenging.

There were several Bay races last year. The race to Rock Hall was a very successful cruiser race plus the other race classes (John Aellen did a great job on this race). This article discusses the Offshore Racing Rule (ORR) which appears will be the rating system used starting in 2017. ORR is similar to ORC which was used in 2016. The Offshore Racing Association (ORA) is the association that supports the ORR. Updates will be provided on this rating change later. Costs are very similar, updates are actually less expensive for ORR (<https://offshoreracingrule.org/>).

The officers for the Baltimore/Magothy Fleet are:

- Fleet Captain – Uwe Mewes
- Executive Officer – Mark Walker
- Member at Larger – John Anderson

Initially, I would like to know who with cruiser boats would be interested in racing on the Magothy and would also like to be more aware of the CRCA rules, Bay races for 2017 and would like to know and/or be involved in the CRCA. Please contact me at celerity1@verizon.net or 410-562-3421. I am new to this, so please bear with me as I become more knowledgeable. Jay has most of the answers and knows who to call for the rest.

The following is an overview description of CRCA, written by Jay Tyson (CRCA Administrator) who founded CRCA in 2015 and has been the catalyst for its racing and boat ratings for the past 2 years. Web site is <http://chesrca.weebly.com/>. The site is thin on info, most of the effort over the past 2 years has been getting the CRCA established and working with race RCs/clubs on bay races.

“Philosophy is pretty basic - provide a structure that allows owners of true "Dual Purpose" boats to participate in competitive racing without stripping out their boat or having to "hire professional crew" to be competitive. Key to all of this is the owners administer the class.

Short version for folks north of the bridge should probably start with the fact that CRCA is now part of ECRCA (East Coast Racer Cruiser Association). This reflects the fact that we were asked to help the SORR folks build Racer Cruiser classes for the Fort Lauderdale to Key West and Miami to Havana races.

Goal is to provide "portable" racing anywhere on the East Coast with one rating certificate and single set of class rules. Actually, rather like the Star Class (at least in the past), we focus on the local Fleet but also work to be part of a greater group that allows boats to travel.

On the local level it is great to focus on those 3 races (SCC/GIYS – Spring Regatta, Annapolis to Gibson Island (20 May), PSA Moonlight Race (10 Jun), PSA Race to Rock Hall (23 Sep) as they are 3 of the 5 that make up the (Best 3 of 5) "North of the Bridge - Boat of the Year Series". The other 2 are the BCYA races –19 July "Race to Baltimore" & 21 October "Baltimore Harbor Cup". (Dates are tentative)

Entry into CRCA Class requires CRCA Membership (\$20) only after a boat sails 2 races. ORR certificates (\$100) are encouraged but not required.

ORR Certificate is required for the CBYRA "High Point" series that is the best 5 of 9 that cover most of the major Point to Point races on the Northern Bay (Gibson Island, Miles River, Annapolis to Newport, Moonlight, EYC Boomerang, Governor's Cup, NASS Oxford, Rock Hall & Baltimore Harbor Cup).

As to ratings, as noted above ORR Certificate is not required unless you are interested in High Point. At all events, we offer classes for boats with "Assigned Ratings" that are based the ORR ratings of sister ships or similar designs. The Assigned ratings are free but we do caution owners that they are usually a bit tougher than Valid ORR Certificates.

For those that want to get an ORR certificate it is as simple as sending me (Jay Tyson) their PHRF Certificate (doesn't need to be current) or contacting me and I'll ask enough questions to do the application.

Fundamentally, the ORR rating system uses boat design to develop a more detailed set of racing values based on the wind speed and course types. For several examples, contact Mark. Jay has provided several very good examples to show the ORR values for two boats of different types and how they compare for various courses and wind speeds. A complete ORR rating includes a lot of specific information, examples are available also.

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Jay Tyson (jwtj29@gmail.com)

Mariner's Notice

Mariners Notice: Have you ever noticed That there's no such thing as bad weather, only bad clothes.

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!

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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