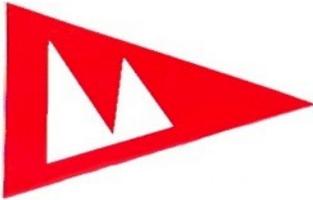


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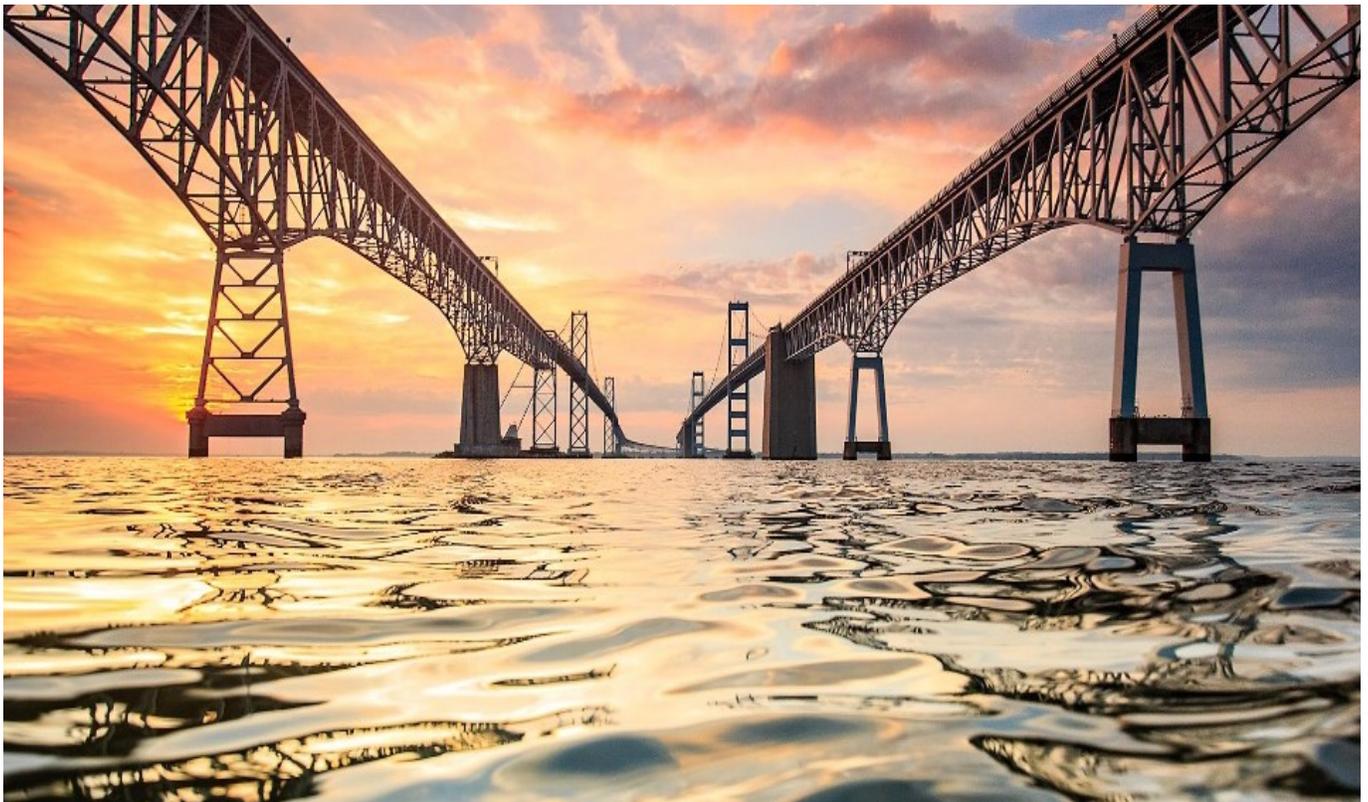
The Monthly Newsletter of the Magothy River Sailing Association



April 2017

Calendar of Upcoming Events

- Apr. 19 - First Wednesday night race
- Apr. 29 - Annual Sock Burning Party
- May 13 - Mother's Day Cruise
- May 20 - GIYS / SCC Spring Race
- May 21 - MRSA Spring Classic
- May 27-29 Memorial Day Cruise



In this issue, we will introduce you to the Bonhams.



Laura was born in Lancaster, PA. Michael was born in Eldorado, Illinois. They will not reveal the dates.

Laura and Mike met each other skiing at Doe Mountain, near Allentown, PA, in 1978. Mike was just learning to ski and caught on very quickly. Being the competitive person he is, he decided to start training to race in the regional handicap skier races which won him many gold medals and pushed him forward to compete in the national races held in Colorado each March. There, he was awarded many gold medals for his perseverance and determination to be the best. Laura traveled with him and was given the job of skiing his heavier warm clothing to the finish line.

In 1980, Mike joined the instructors at Roundtop Mountain Resort, Lewisberry, PA, and remains there teaching their winter programs. He and Rod Swank, our Fleet Captain Cruising, met there and have remained friends since that time.

Their marriage occurred on October 3, 1981, 35 plus years ago, in Columbia, PA. They lived in Marietta, PA, at the time. A move in 1982 took them down the road to the Silver Springs, PA, area.

In 1984, their son, Bradley Michael, was born. A graduate of The Culinary Institute of America, he is now 32 and the Chef de Cuisine at The Hearth, in Virginia Beach, VA. The Bonham family skied every weekend together and took many ski vacations across the US. It was a great way to raise a child in the winter months. Brad was a great skier but has gone to the dark side and now is an excellent snowboarder. As a child, he attended Annapolis Sailing School for two years and enjoyed sailing small boats with his friends in Swan Creek, MD. Brad is an avid hunter just like his dad.

Mike and Laura had water skied for years on the Susquehanna River at Long Level. The itch to sail struck Mike, probably prompted by listening to Jimmy Buffett singing about his love of the water and sailing. They purchased a 22 foot O'Day and sail it on the Susquehanna for one summer and then moved the boat to Havre de Grace, MD, to the big waters. In the summer of 1984 as Laura grew bigger with child, they moved up to a 25.5 Cal, Pier Pressure, with a flush head! They moved the boat to The Wharf at Handy Point, in Worton Creek, MD. In April of 1991, they settled on their present boat, Frequent Flyer, a Cal 33. Just like them, FF is getting a little long in the tooth but well cared for and in great shape. She was soon moved to Haven Harbour in Swan Creek making the Chester River anchorages, the Magothy and Annapolis anchorages more accessible for a weekend trip. Worton Creek and The Haven were both very desirable spots to anchor, but their favorite anchorage at present is the one they live in view of, Eagle Cove.

Labor Day weekend, 1997, they motored down Cornfield Creek in the Magothy waiting for cruising friends to set anchor for a raftup. Ten houses down, they saw a for sale sign on the dock of their present summer home at 259 Gibson Road, Pasadena. By the Tuesday prior to Thanksgiving, they had sold two apartments and a home and were moved in. The boat fit in the slip, and they've all been very happy there ever since.

Most of the Bonham family's weekends are spent cruising and anchoring with MRSA friends and friends they have met from their travels. When Mike retired in 2008, he started crewing on "Eighth Deadly Sin" for Mike and Annette Mullarky and continues to do so to date. He's ready each Wednesday late afternoon to jump on, enjoy competitive racing and eat those delicious chocolate chip cookies that Mike Mullarky produces faithfully each race and every MRSA event where food is present (not many don't include food).

They joined MRSA in 1999 with their son entering Junior Training with MRSA that summer. Laura was secretary for a number of years and is our current Ship's Store Chairman, and Mike recently served as Commodore and Past Commodore.

In the spring of 2016 during a trip to Palm Bay, Florida, to spend a month and enjoy the company of 14 cousins, they spotted a villa for sale, signed an agreement and settled on it in May 2016. They usually spend a month or so there several times a year enjoying surfing, golfing and fishing for Mike and beaches, pool, sunshine and delicious seafood for Laura.

Spare time activities for Laura include yoga, gardening, volunteering at the Wellness House of Annapolis teaching knitting and crocheting to those affected by cancer, reading, walking 10-12 thousand steps a day and water aerobics with friends at Severna Park Community Center. Rumor has it that her favorite thing to make for dinner is reservations.

Mike enjoys keeping fit at the gym, hunting deer and turkey, gardening, fishing, golfing, washing and waxing cars and boats. He is challenged seasonally by attempting to grow grass in their yard of sand.

They have very fond memories of numerous cruising years and activities with MRSA with valued friendships made to last a lifetime. They even casted some good bait and reeled Rod and Dennise into the fold! So, let's bait up our membership rods and reels and find more members that we all enjoy being with and sharing our habit of being on the Chesapeake together!

My best,

Dennise

Dennise R. Fath

Commodore, Magothy River Sailing Association

Remembering Joe Tierney

By Zoe Forsyth and Rich Hughes

We remember with fondness and sincere appreciation longtime member, Joe Tierney, who for ten years supported the Junior Training program with his masterful organization and communications. Joe passed away on March 18, surrounded by family.

Joe's outstanding support of Junior Training was absolutely essential to its success. His willingness to devote countless hours to the many tasks involved in planning and coordination made it possible; the Junior Training program could not have happened without his efforts. Joe's selfless and generous contributions of his time and expertise enabled hundreds of children to experience the challenges, rewards and exhilaration of sailing.

All of us who want our young folks to enjoy what we as MRSA members cherish--the excitement and pleasures of time spent out on the water--are united in deep gratitude for Joe's dedication towards supporting the next generation of sailors.

Wrap-Up



Spring Brunch

With almost 50 sailors in attendance, the MRSA Annual Spring Brunch was held on Sunday, March 26th. A great selection of food, drinks, and sea stories were abundant. Our guest speaker, Merritt Palm Keffer, give us great insight to her challenges in becoming a crew member of America 3 and what it's like to race with the pros. We really appreciated her time and slides for her informative eye opening presentation. Our 2017 Officers and Committee Chairs were given the Officers' Flags, and Cruising Awards were presented. Our commodore, Dennise Fath, wrapped up our Annual Brunch by thanking our 2016 Officers, Committee Chairs and volunteers who made another successful year at Magothy River Sailing Association.

Thanks,

Dave Pirone, Past Commodore

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 on the boat, why not start this year? 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 SOCK BURNING CRUISE

SATURDAY APRIL 29, 2017, @ 3:00 pm.

LOOPER BEACH, off the Magothy, on Broad Creek. Look for MRSA SIGN just past [263 Eagle Hill Road, Pasadena, Maryland 21122](#)

MARITIME FLARE USE DEMONSTRATION-- "BRING ALL YOUR OUTDATED FLARES" and learn proper use.

MRSA ANNUAL SOCK BURNING CRUISE -- Venue and Bonfire by ED LOOPER

LIVE BAND/MUSIC CURRENTLY PLANNED

PRIZES FOR: MOST UNUSUAL SOCKS, MOST INTERESTING SEA STORY (under 2 minutes), BEST FOOD ITEM OF THE DAY (see last name schedule below).

PLEASE RSVP FOR PLANNING PURPOSES !!!! theklammer@aol.com

MRSA Sponsors: Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Buns and Condiments, Beer, Wine Soda and Water.

Members please bring to share dishes as follows: Last names beginning with the letters N through Z, bring a dessert, letters H through, M bring a salad, letters A through G, bring an appetizer.

Camp fire cooking forks will be available for use.

Bring a chair or camp stool if you choose; there are some logs available to sit on but limited.

Thank you,
R.T. Klamm & Cecilia Hayes

Note from MRSA Fleet Captain Cruising

Need Volunteers.....

We still have two open cruises. The 4th of July Cruise, July 1st through the 3rd , Miles River/St. Michaels, or TBD and the Frostbite Cruise, destination TBD, October 28th and 29th. Please check your calendar and kindly let me know if any of you might want to volunteer to fill these gaps in our cruising schedule.

Smooth Sailing,

Rod Swank

rhwank@gmail.com

Racing Corner



Wednesday Night Racing

So with less than two weeks until Wednesday Night Racing starts up again on the Magothy, it's time, if you have not done so yet, to get your entry in. To date, I'd say we're about 50/50. The quickest way to enter is online at the Racing page on the MRSA website at www.magothysailing.com. While you're there, click on the RC Schedule link, pick an empty date and send an email to Jim Gary or reply to this email with the date that you would like to do your RC duty.

My Redbook just arrived today and hopefully you will have yours soon if it hasn't yet arrived. Please take a little time to go through the sailing instructions, as there have been some changes.

Fewer, but longer Series: This year there will be 3 main series at 7, 6, and 7 weeks apiece, followed by a 3-week series at the end of the season.

Drops: This year, each boat will get 5 drops to use at its discretion at the end of the season. See the *Redbook* for details.

Pursuit Races: For a little change of pace, it is our intent to run three pursuit style races (one per series) this year. Since, ideally, all boats should finish pretty close together in a pursuit race, we will try to coordinate post race raft-ups for those nights. Again, see the *Redbook* for details.

Some things will be different this year, but one thing that will remain the same is that the Magothy River ain't a bad place to be in the evening in the middle of the work week, especially when the Magothy Doctor is in.

So, send in your entry, sign up for RC duty, get your boat and crew ready, and we'll see you on the river in a couple of weeks!

Mariner's Notice

Mariners Notice: Have you ever noticed That you boat is much larger when waxing it.

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



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***Treasure the
Chesapeake!***

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

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