

The Old Man

The Monthly Newsletter of the Magothy River Sailing Association



July 2017

Calendar of Upcoming Events

- July 15 - Race to Baltimore
- July 22-23 - Corsica River Cruise / Race
- Aug 4 - Governor's Cup
- Aug 5-6 - Lobster Fest
- Aug 12 - August Picnic
- Aug 19 - Dog Day Afternoon
- Sept 2-17 - Long Cruise



Commodore's Comments

Instead of highlighting a MRSA member this month, I'd like to review my past six months as Commodore. I pretty much started out like a deer in headlights, but Dave Pirone, our past Commodore, was there to dim the lights and to help me see what I needed to do to fulfill my office. He drew up a month-by-month plan which will be passed along to the new Commodore in December. I found that most of the effort is in the first few months and then things settle down. Thank you, Dave!

So, that was one of the first things that I did; I asked all the past officers to draw up roadmaps (or charts I should say because this is a sailing club). They did, and these were passed along to the present officers, and they will add information, if needed, and then they'll be passed along to the new officers. If you are considering becoming an officer next year and would like to know about the duties in detail, please reach out to me, and I can forward the correct chart. *We are in need of Board of Governor (BOG) volunteers for 2018.*

I live in Alexandria, and because it was quite an effort to get to the BOG meetings on the second Monday of the month at the Pasadena Library at 7:30 p.m. on a school night, I signed MRSA up for FreeConferenceCall.com. Now, anyone who wants to attend the BOG meeting at the library can, but there is also an option to attend remotely. This has been a life-saver for me. The number I set up is permanent for MRSA, and anyone who needs to conduct MRSA business remotely is welcome to use it.

It has always seemed strange that cruise leaders or race meeting organizers would ask a BOG member to send out a general email about an activity, but most of the time, people wouldn't RSVP. Not knowing how many people will attend your function is like steering a boat without a rudder, as there isn't a clear direction. They don't know how many chairs to set up, how much food to buy, and how much wine to bring!! They end up drifting listlessly and hoping for the best. So Evite entered the picture, albeit with some resistance from members who objected to having their emails in a list for all to see. There was a way to hide emails, so, I continued on. I've been creating Evites for all the cruises, so next year, the Fleet Captain Cruising need only change the particulars, as the evite is done. My hope is that more members will RSVP through Evite.

Another idea which I am trying to get off the ground is to regularly place articles about our cruising and racing activities in *SpinSheet*. Every month, they send out a note to the Fleet Captain Cruising looking for articles and pictures about sailing club activities. Club notes go to Beth Crabtree at beth@spinsheet.com by the 10th of the month for the next month's issue. They would like entries to be about 300 words or less, although, they do consider longer entries. They are so accommodating and in need of copy that if you don't have time to write the article, they'll give you a call, interview you, and write the piece for you! I've noticed that some clubs seem more active than others because they publicize their club by submitting articles every month. I think this is another way to get the word out about MRSA, and attract new members. One easy way to produce the articles would be to tweak some of the activity articles that are published in The Old Man. Chris Adriance was able to get an article published about our Sock Burning, but that is the last time *SpinSheet* heard from us. I hope to change that, as *SpinSheet* readers don't even know we've now launched out boats! LOL

One of the most exciting and ambitious initiatives is our FaceBook page, facebook.com/magothysailing. Chris Adriance and Kristin Mullins approached me with the idea of creating the page in order to not only highlight our activities but also to, hopefully, spread the word about MRSA and attract new members. They have a very small budget and are doing everything they can to get the word out. I would ask that you please go on the page frequently to not only see what a great job they have done but also to "LIKE" different photos and articles. The more "LIKES" we have, the more our FaceBook page will pop up in searches regarding sailing, and that will, hopefully, attract new members. My hat is off to Chris and Kristin for a stellar job, well done! Thank you!

My best,

Dennise

Dennise R. Fath

Commodore, Magothy River Sailing Association

The Old Man is Retiring



Our Old Man, Mike Bonham, is retiring from his duties as our editor, and this is his last edition. He's been onboard since July, 2014, which represents 36 months of the *Old Man*. Even when Mike was Commodore in 2014, he not only performed those duties, but he also got the *Old Man* out, and in stellar form. Through the years, he has contributed many articles where his knack for spirited writing, a clever wit and an unparalleled knowledge of sailing and racing were highlighted.

He now feels like it is time to pass along the editorial duties to another Old Man or Old Woman! MRSA has over 100 other Old Men and Old Women; won't one of you pick up where Mike is leaving off? He's gotten the process down to a science, and he has agreed to get the new editor acclimated. Please contact me if you are willing to volunteer your editorial skills to be the new Old Man or Old Woman.

I have added some photos of Mike, the Old Man, so you will recognize him at the next MRSA event to say thanks. Our sincere thanks, Mike! You have been great, and we appreciate all the time and effort you so selflessly have put into the *Old Man*. We wish you fair winds and following seas!

Ship's Store



By Loura Bonham

Start saving at our Online Store now at <https://mrsa.qbstores.com/>



Club cruising burgees are now available at the cost of \$11 each. These will be available at all MRSA land functions and also by personal request to me at louradbonham@gmail.com or by calling or texting 443-799-3813.

FACEBOOK

Chris Adriance and Kristin Mullins have launched a Facebook page for MRSA. The results of their efforts can be found at our new address facebook.com/magothysailing. As you may know, on Facebook when you “like” a company or organization, that action brings that organization closer to the top of the pile in search engines. For instance, if you “liked” the MRSA Facebook page, when people search the internet for sailing or racing organizations in our area, MRSA would be closer to the top of the list which gives us more local exposure and possibly more members.

We think it is important for the MRSA membership to support Chris and Kristin’s effort by using the link above and “liking” our page. Their effort has been huge, and we should support them! They will continue to be the point people for Facebook and if you have pics or articles or anything you’d like them to share on Facebook, please feel free to reach out to them. PLEASE SUPPORT OUR FACEBOOK PAGE!

On another note, Chris and Kristin were able to get an article about MRSA published in this issue of *SpinSheet*. Check it out.

Junior Sailing on the Magothy River commenced on July 10th.



We have a full program again this year with a good mix of new and returning sailors. There are five skipper candidates this year who will test their sailing abilities by flying spinnaker, roll tacking and teaching a class of beginners something new!

The first few days of the program have been great with plenty of wind to move everyone around. The first lesson on beach landing was a little exciting with a downwind approach, but all students landed safely.

With two head instructors this year, they really can be in two places at once! Rachel and Josh are supported by a fine group of new and returning instructors and 5 CITs. They are working hard to make sure each group has a fun and safe time learning more about sailing.

Thanks,
Evan Clayton

Wrap-Up



Annual June Picnic

Can it really be July? June is but a distant memory, but the memories of the MRSA June picnic linger on.

A very well-behaved but hungry crowd showed up on time on Shady Lane and on Black Hole Creek ready to celebrate June and win the “much-talked about” prizes for the best Hawaiian attire. Delicious hors d’oeuvres and libations were enjoyed on the patio and porch, and Mother Nature provided absolutely perfect weather for this annual picnic.

Only a few mariners came by sea (Lunds and Bonhams) while the rest arrived by land yacht. Almost everyone competed for the prizes and came dressed in their South Pacific best. The judges were really conflicted when it came time to select the winners. Commodore Dennise Fath, one very smart cookie, did the smartest thing (as all smart Commodores do), she selected the past commodore of PSA, MRSA member Andy Bassler and Nancy to be the judges. And the winners were.....

Nancy and Kent Shaffer who went home with the fabulous prizes but not before all of the delicious hamburgers, hot dogs, sausages, salads, deviled eggs, ice cream, strawberries, fudge and cookies were devoured.

This MRSA crowd knows how to party. Hope to see everyone at the next picnic on August 12th at Milbur Community Pool.



July 4th Cruise Wrap-Up

Debbie Lund

The July 4th cruise was planned at the last minute. With the holiday on a Tuesday and the HH weather--Hot and Humid, there were only two boats for the four days. The best day for sailing was Saturday, July 1st and it was a pleasant reach from the Magothy River to Swan Creek. Every weekend is another adventure when you have a new boat. For the past 30 years, anchoring has not been a problem for the Lunds. Usually, we would pick our spot (sometimes there were disagreements as to the location), and the anchor would hold the boat. Now, we have a new boat, new type of anchor, all chain and a windlass with a remote control. Life should be good because all I have to do is push a button! On Saturday, the anchor wouldn't set. There was a breeze, and the forecast was for a front to come through with the possibility of 50 mph winds. Luckily, there was a mooring for rent at Haven Harbor. The front did come through with mostly rain, but the wind did shift directions. We were very happy on the mooring. The timing of the front was great because the rain was finished prior to Happy Hour. The Poes hosted Happy Hour on *Ravenous* and were joined by the John and Debbie Lund and Rich and Toni Hughes. The Timermans were also on anchor in Swan Creek. Both the Hughes and the Timermans were going in to Rock Hall on Sunday for the July 4th holiday.

The Poes and Lunds continued the holiday weekend in the Chester River. Unfortunately, the winds died on Sunday, so we motored to Reed Creek. The entrance is always a challenge, but the GPS/chart plotter has made it easier. As usual, Reed Creek was very quiet with only three other boats in the creek. The jelly fish have not arrived, so it was great swimming. The water temperature was in the mid 80's. Our life was easier because we were able to raft up to *Ravenous* and have a secure anchor. Unfortunately, the Poes had battery problems. Luckily, the starting battery was still good, so, they stayed out for the entire weekend. On Sunday, the four of us went to Bill and Phyllis Eaton's farm house for a party. On Monday, we waited for the tide to be rising before we left the anchorage. We were only going across the Chester River to Grays Inn Creek. Several years ago, we spent July 3rd in Grays Inn Creek and determined you have a perfect view of the fireworks from Rock Hall. There were several boats that came in the creek to view the fireworks, but we were the only two boats that spent the night in the creek. The big problem with the creek were the flies. Earlier in the day, there was a crop duster that was fun to watch, but he didn't kill the flies.

On Tuesday, July 4th, we came back to the Magothy. We were able to sail across the bay, but the winds were light. We did make it back before the rain. We also brought the eastern shore flies to the western shore. John and I spent the next weekend buying a new CQR anchor and attaching it to our chain. Hopefully, this will solve our anchoring problem!



Future Events



Miles River Yacht Club, Clam and Lobster Bake August 5

MRSA will visit the Miles River Yacht Club for their Clam and Lobster Bake.



Seating will be inside and air conditioned. The menu consists of whole lobster, shrimp, cherry stone clams, potatoes, onions, corn on the cob and much more. If you would prefer to have steak instead of lobster, please indicate on your RSVP. The cost is \$35 per person, and you pay at the door. Beverages are available at a cash bar and are not included in the price.

Come by boat or come by car. If you come by boat and want to get a slip, please include your boat's information with your RSVP. Slip reservations are first come first served. Additional boats will be added to a waiting list. The cost of a slip is \$2.00 per ft, plus electric of \$10.00 per night for one 30 amp or \$15.00 per night for two 30 amp or one 50 amp.

Each morning, MRYC offers complimentary coffee and coffee cake from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. Lunch service and dinner service are available in the lounge and patio.

Please RSVP to cruising@magothysailing.com by 7/26. It is important to get an early headcount for table reservations, as there is another large sailing club attending, and they have reserved inside seating. Also, an eVite announcement will be sent out to the membership.



Thanks,
Rod Swank

Corsica River Race/Cruise

July is here, along with the heat advisories -- so it must be time for the annual trip across the Bay to the Corsica River July 22-23. Race, cruise or even land-cruise to the Corsica River Yacht Club's beautiful facility, where the usual assortment of sailors enjoy the chicken dinner, live band and socializing.

Tickets for the dinner are \$25, and must be purchased on-line in advance.

https://www.regattanetwork.com/clubmgmt/applet_storefront.php?regatta_id=15113

At check-out, use the 'Not Applicable to my Order' option when asked.

Directions, by land and water, can be found on the CRYC website
(www.cryc.org)
under the 'Directions' link on the left.

If you want more information, or have questions, contact Mike Mullarky at 'webmaster@magothysailing.com' or (410) 439-1556. Hope to see you there!

Note from MRSA Fleet Captain Cruising

Need Volunteers.....

We still have one open cruise. 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 gap in our cruising schedule.

Smooth Sailing,

Rod Swank

rhwank@gmail.com

Racing Corner



Wednesday Evening Series 2 - Race 6 The winds are down but the water temps are up.

Mariner's Notice

Mariners Notice: **Have you ever noticed** that it is hard to grow grass in your front lawn but grows very fast on the bottom of your boat.

Bay Bites

Bay Bites is a section of 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 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 immediately. 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: Dennise Fath at dennise@dennisefath.com or call at 703-200-6113.

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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