

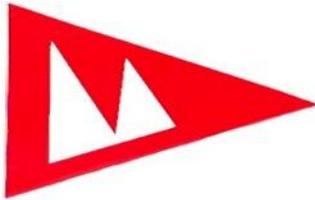


# The Old Man

The Monthly Newsletter of the Magothy River Sailing Association

SEPTEMBER 2017

## Calendar of Upcoming Events



- September 2-17 Long Cruise
- September 16-17 Sunday Brunch Cruise
- September 20 Last Wednesday Night Cruise
- September 23 PSA Race to Rock Hall
- September 30-Oct. 1 Dessert Cruise to Baltimore
- October 1 Hallie Rice Fall Series Begins
- October 5 Member Membership Meeting
- October 14 Bull Roast – Tentative – Need Cruise Captain
- October 11 Trophy Party
- October 21 BYCA Baltimore Harbor Cup
- October 22 RCRA Francis Scott Key Classic



Mesopotamian sailboat 5000-3500 BC

### Commodore's Comments:

By trade I am a "Head Hunter" or recruiter and I guess for that reason I have been looking for the 2018 Board or Governors (BOG) since I took office last December. I am getting to the final stretch of my "reign" as MRSA's Commodore and I am looking for volunteers to fill next year's BOG slots. You, you there, don't hide behind that computer, come out and help!

Below are the volunteers who have done a great job as the 2017 BOG and I thank them so much. They have each carried out their duties and given selflessly and some have volunteered for the same position year after year. Again, thank you. MRSA thanks you!

So, if you are looking for a little something to fill-up your time (*like we all don't have enough on our plates*), please do reach out to one of the 2017 BOG officers below by clicking on their names. Each can tell you what their office entails and if you volunteer you just might be surprised that it is personally rewarding and gratifying ... and, oh yes, you will be helping MRSA out tremendously!

### STEP UP! IT'S YOUR TURN!

Wishing you fair winds and following seas,

*Dennise*

Dennise R. Fath  
2017 Commodore, Magothy River Sailing Association



Commodore	<a href="#">Dennise Fath</a>	Race Marks Chairperson	<a href="#">Tom Price</a>
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## OF NOTE



### Sailboat History Timeline

4000 BCE: Phoenicians and Egyptians sail under cloth sails on single log and simple long narrow sailboats.  
3000 BCE: 900: Square sails are common  
2000 BCE: Extensive sailing trading networks starts at the Mediterranean Sea. Ice boats in Scandinavia.  
1200 BCE: Greek and Phoenician big cargo ships along the Mediterranean  
500 BCE: Phoenicians built ships with two big masts  
100 BCE: The Roman Empire has largest cargo and passenger ships of 180 by 45 feet.  
400s: First catamarans along the Southeast Asian coasts.  
900: Lanteen and triangle sails are used.  
1000-1200: The Vikings built 80 feet long and 17 feet wide sailboats for war, trading and colonizing.  
1000: Norse explorer Leif Eriksson probably the first European to land in North America. The first of the great explorations in this sailboat history timeline.  
1200: First Viking longboats and British merchant sailboats are made with small wholes from which bowmen could fire their guns.  
15th century: The Barque or later Bark with sails running breadthways  
1500-1650: Sailmakers start using flax fiber to create sails.  
1660: King Charles II introduces sport sailing in England. Dutch shipyards give British King Charles a small sailboat, named the Royal Yacht Mary  
1680: The Barca-longa two or three-masted lugger in Spain, Portugal and in the Mediterranean Sea.  
17th century: The Bermuda rig or Marconi rig with mast and rigging is created in Bermuda.  
1720: World's first yachting club founded in Ireland, the Water Club of Cork.  
1790: First iceboat at the Hudson River in New York.  
1797: Edmund Hartt Shipyard launches the USS Constitution, a three-masted heavy wooden frigate of the US Navy.  
1800: Barquentine vessels with three or more masts are built.  
1863: The Star of India is built as a fully square-rigged ship.  
1900: Sailing becomes an Olympic sport in Paris.  
1920: First aerodynamics designs for increasing speed.  
1949: The Optimist Dinghy is introduced by Clark Mills.  
1960: German engineer Wilhelm Pröls invents the Dynaship or Dyna Rigg concept. The 12-foot Aqua Cats is created by Art Javes.  
1976: The J-24 is presented by Rod Johnstone and the Toulon dockyard in France constructs the Phoecea, world's largest sailing yacht till 2004.  
1977: The Freedom 40 is launched by Gary Hoyt.  
2000: The steel-hulled five-masted full-rigged tall cruise ship Royal Clipper is constructed by Zygmunt Choren. According to the Guinness World Records book the Preussen is the largest square rigged ship. The three mast full-rigged clipper Stad Amsterdam is built by Gerard Dijkstra in Amsterdam, the Netherlands.  
2004: Royal Huisman Shipyard the clipper-bowed three-masted gaff-rigged luxury sailing yacht Athena. Previously, it was the largest yacht in sailboat history, 295-foot.  
2017: The 468ft-long vessel, owned by Russian billionaire Andrey Melnichenko, stunned locals in Gibraltar as it towered from the water. The impressive superyacht, which was has three 300ft masts that are taller than Big Ben's tower, was imaginatively named 'Sailing Yacht A' by its owner



247ft "Phoecea" 1976



295ft "Athena" 2004



468ft "Sailing Yacht A" 2017

## Past Events



### Dog Day Afternoon

#### Eagle Cove

**By Norm Poulsen**

It was a beautiful, sunny, but of course hot August afternoon on Saturday, August 19 as 9 boats rafted up alongside Blue Moon in Eagle Cove to spend the afternoon sampling gourmet hot dogs (40 of them to be exact), share side dishes and sailing stories, and down a LOT of beverages. Starlight Express with Diane and Joe Jackins and Tony Torres aboard were the first to tie up, followed quickly by Dave and Denise Pirone in their Scout powerboat, Dick and Dretta Peterson aboard April Fool, Wally and Jean Gribbin in their Boston Whaler, Clent Lowe in his unique little powerboat, prospective members Joe and Sally Morris aboard their perfectly kept Bristol 35.5 Sara, Dod Poe and his son Henry and friend Everett on his powerboat Blackbird, Peggy and Ed Poe aboard Ravenous, and finally Jim and Janet Ganeyhill, friends of the Jackins who sailed down from the Bush River aboard Snow Dance, their beautiful Cabo Rico 38.

In the late afternoon, several boats broke off to head home, leaving Starlight Express, April Fool, and Snow Dance still tied up to Blue Moon. After a nice sunset, and anticipating a quiet night, a look at the weather radar showed (what else?) a line of thunderstorms due to hit around 11:00 PM. Prudence, good seamanship, and common sense all told us to break up the raft, but Blue Moon has a new windlass, new chain, new chain snubber, and a new 85 lb. Mantus anchor that we wanted to test out. So we sat with some trepidation as approximately 100,000 pounds of boats hung on the single anchor, keys in ignitions, lines ready to be let loose, and room downwind of us with no boats to hit. Luckily, the storms split a bit, the worst going north and south of us, so we only received a little rain, and wind to 25 knots with some gusts over 30. Several powerboats dragged (no surprise there...) and at least one sailboat as well, but we did not move as we held our breath. The storms cooled the night down wonderfully, and we ended up sleeping under a blanket! A great ending to a fun day on the Magothy.



## Future Events



### Sunday Brunch Cruise

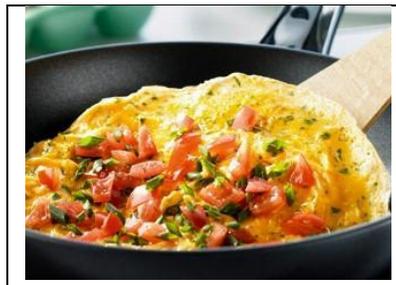
September 16-17

Church Creek, South River

Cruise Captains: Toni & Rich Hughes

#### *Omelet Cruise to Church Creek*

*The Sunday Brunch Cruise to Church Creek on the River will be September 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>. Plan to Saturday to enjoy happy hour ashore at the Wilelinor Community beachfront. Bring a hors d'oeuvre to share. In case of inclement weather, happy hour will be in the community pavilion adjacent to the marina and beach area.*



*north shore of the South arrive by 1700 hours on*

The community has recently purchased a gas grill that will be available for anyone interested in cooking dinner ashore.

Sunday morning, Rich and Toni will host the annual omelet brunch and open house at their home. If you can't come by boat, plan to arrive by land yacht and enjoy a weekend on the South River. Please RSVP for the brunch to insure that we have enough eggs to feed the masses. Brunch will be served beginning at 0900 hours and will continue until all the eggs have been consumed.



Dessert Cruise  
September 30 - Oct 1  
Inner Harbor, Baltimore  
Cruise Captains: Peggy & Ed Poe

Calling all Dessert Lovers!

The Dessert cruise to Baltimore is on the calendar for Saturday, September 30. Plans are to sail to Inner Harbor East Marina for Happy Hour and then a trip to Vaccaro's for a fabulous dessert! Reservations must be made for your slip individually at \$3 per foot plus \$30 for power. Please let Peggy Poe know if you will be joining this cruise.

## FACEBOOK

You have heard a lot about our Facebook effort but have you done your part? Please take a moment today and go to [facebook.com/magothysailing](https://facebook.com/magothysailing) and "like" each article and each photo. You could click the link right now and then come back to the riveting articles in the Old Man! Put it on your calendar to do all the time! Help us spread the word about MRSA to attract new members!

## Racing Corner



Mark Walker, MRSA Race Gear Chairperson, and a number of our members are involved in the Race to Rock Hall and they have asked us to help publicize this very popular race!



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**RACE to ROCK HALL**

...and then stay for the post-race party!

PSA's Race to Rock Hall is becoming the biggest Region II event of the season and we'd love for you to join us this year. What could be better than a short destination race in September that finishes in a great location with an outstanding party?

• **Sept 23rd** •

for more information, see [PSAsailing.org/racing](http://PSAsailing.org/racing)

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"over 75 years of strictly sailing"



## CRCA-ORR FALL 2017

September 9      Oxford  
September 16     HOSPICE  
September 23     ROCK HALL  
October 21        HARBOR CUP

For more information and how to join-in on the fun contact Mark Walker [celerity1@verizon.net]

### Mariner's Notices



#### Member contributions:

**Kathy Polk's** Labor Day Weekend: *My son took me for a delightful boat ride from Herrington Harbor to the West River yesterday. Saw this boat right off Pirate's Cove and Thursday's. **This is what you DO NOT want to see** when you get to your boat in the spring! Gorgeous weather. We were hoping to see some of the dolphins but instead enjoyed kite boarders and wind surfers.*



Food for thought from Unknown



# The Starfish Story

An old man was walking on the beach one morning after a storm. In the distance, he could see someone moving like a dancer. As he came closer, he saw that it was a young woman picking up starfish and gently throwing them into the ocean. "Young lady, why are you throwing starfish into the ocean?"

"The sun is up, and the tide is going out, and if I do not throw them in they will die," she said.

"But young lady, do you not realize that there are many miles of beach and thousands of starfish? You cannot possibly make a difference."

The young woman listened politely, then bent down, picked up another starfish and threw it into the sea.

"It made a difference for that one."

*A parable told and retold. The original author is unknown.*



## Bay Bites



*Bay Bites is a section of the Old Man for 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 they will be published in **Bay Bites**.*

*Menu suggestion from Dennise Fath*

### Quick Guacamole

2 ripe avocados, peeled, pitted, and mashed  
2-3 Tablespoons salsa  
1-2 Tablespoons of lemon or lime juice

Mix all ingredients together adjusting amount of salsa and lemon/lime juice to taste. Chill before serving if you wish. Serve with nachos or use as a dip for celery sticks and other veggies.

### Galley Tip – Serving Later

If, after preparing the Guacamole, you aren't planning to serve it right away, save one of the avocado pits and place it in the bowl with the guacamole. It will prevent it from darkening. Remove before serving.

## MRSA Classified



### *MRSA Classifieds – good deals from MRSA members*

**HELP WANTED:** All our BOG offices are up for grabs for the 2018 Season, including editor of the highly respected and venerable, *Old Man*.

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

**34K**

#### 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 (1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> 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 **REDUCED - \$34,000**. Call 410-647-2468, 410-562-3421 or [celerity1@verizon.net](mailto:celerity1@verizon.net)



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Chesapeake!**

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

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