



# *The Old Man*

*The Monthly Newsletter of the Magothy River Sailing Association*

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## **Commodore's Comments**

What do we know about the Magothy River? We know that it is a beautiful river for sailing and racing. We also know that there are some wicked sandbars to surprise us if we don't pay attention to the navigational marks.

Did you know that the Magothy River is 12.1 miles long and has a maximum width of 2.5 miles? The river basin is 44 square miles in area. The source of the Magothy is Woodland Estates Way pond at Chartwell, Maryland.

Did you know that on a 1663 map, the river was labeled "Magoty River" and "Maggoty River" on a 1690 map, meaning a place without trees or a wide plain, or derived from the old English word "maggot," which meant a fantastic notion or "caprice."

On the north shore of the Magothy, there are 19 navigable creeks and tidal ponds. Some are only accessible in a kayak or canoe. On the south shore, there are 12 navigable creeks and tidal ponds. It would be fun to explore each one this summer.



Have you ever explored Bohdal Pond? It's on the South Shore. What about Scheides Cove? To explore these ponds and coves with such interesting names, you will need your charts and maybe some bug spray. Please report back when you find them.

Many of the creeks and tidal coves are named because of a project begun by the [Magothy River Association](#) (not to be confused with the Magothy River Sailing Association.) MRA, an early environmental organization, was formed in 1946, and is still working hard to help preserve the health of the Magothy River. Magothy River Association is holding its annual meeting on Friday, February 23, at 7:00 pm at [Anne Arundel Community College](#), CALT Building, Room 100. All are welcome. I know that you will learn a lot more about the Magothy River at this meeting.

Peggy

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2017-18 Commodore, Magothy River Sailing Association

## New Members



### It's All in the Family

MRSA is always glad when families sail together. We are blessed with two generations of the Mullarky family who sail together, and who contribute so much to MRSA, and now we are happy to welcome a second generation of the Lund family.

The MRSA Board unanimously approved the membership application of Jessica Lund Nie and Edward Nie at the February Board meeting. Jessica is the daughter of Debbie and John Lund, both past commodores of MRSA, and currently Fleet Captains for Cruising. Jessica learned to sail in the Junior Training program, and spent many hours cruising on the Magothy and the Bay.

Jessica races with Mike and Annette Mullarky on Eighth Deadly Sin. Welcome to Jessica, Eddie, (and Rosie).

### And Speaking of Members...

We have a great organization, so let's share it with others. Below is sample text to share with your neighborhood newsletter or listserv, or NextDoor.com if you're a member. Help us share the love!

*The Chesapeake Bay is at our doorstep, and ready to be loved. Fishing, kayaking, canoeing, cruising or sailing are just a couple of ways to enjoy her. But sailing is my favorite. Sailing can be a competitive sport or a casual cruising recreational vehicle on the water with cheap passage and accommodations. Destinations on the Bay abound with wildlife and primordial vegetation. The Magothy River Sailing Association has both a cruising division and a racing division. If you are interested in learning to race, or to learn more about cruising, contact the [webmaster@magothysailing.com](mailto:webmaster@magothysailing.com) or [Insert your contact info here] for details. For racing, boats vary in their level of intensity, where the learning curve is vertical and not for the meek. Other boats are more laid back. Don't wait too long to reach out because the boats fill up quickly. Smooth sailing.*

## ***Junior Training***

REMINDER: This year's program will run from July 9th to the 20th and **priority registration** for members start on March 1st.

More information can be found at <http://www.magothysailing.com/bin/junior.php>.

The cost for active MRSA and Grachur members is \$280, with nonmember costs at \$400.



## ***Racing Corner***

Racers turned out in force for the Race Planning meeting at Ledo's Pizza on Thursday, February 15. After getting a resounding "thumbs up" on the changes made last year—pursuit races and longer series—race committee chair, Dave Pruznal, polled the group about some other suggestions for this year: reverse starts and downwind starts. The first received only a luke-warm response; the other had enough interest for consideration.

We discussed a couple of ideas to increase the number of racers, including the idea of including Junior Training students on our crews. For those captains who are interested, Mike Mullarky will play matchmaker; send an e-mail to [webmaster@magothysailing.com](mailto:webmaster@magothysailing.com). Evan will coordinate on his end.





Another idea was to create a flyer about how to join MRSA and sign up for Wednesday night races, and to send a recruitment e-mail to our neighborhood listservs or places like NextDoor.com. See the next column for some sample language.

A few housekeeping issues:

- Be sure that Jim Gary has the correct emergency contact phone number for you so you get race cancellations. And if you're going out of town and one of your crew is taking over for a race, please get the phone number to Jim, too.
- Since neither the MRSA Spring Classic, nor the Corsica Raceback, has happened for the last two years, we'll try a pursuit race the first week in May.
- When you are race committee, please check the gear early, especially shells and horns. Mark always has extra shells.
- Mark your calendars for a couple of popular PSA races:
  - June 9—Twilight Race
  - October 6—Race to Rock Hall

## ***Safety first***

The remainder of the meeting focused on safety. For both cruisers and racers, "safety first" should be at the front of you and your crew's mind at all times. An upcoming "Safety Day," led by Mike and Annette Mullarky and the crew of *Eighth Deadly Sin*, will focus on "Man Overboard" drills. More info to follow, but save the dates of June 23 and 24 (rain date).

## ***Cruising Corner***

### ***Pre-Planning***

Although our cruises may seem effortless, a lot of work goes in on the front end. Toni and Rich Hughes (top photo) hosted a Pre-Planning Party, attended by potential cruise leaders Mike Mullarky, Chris Poulsen, and Mike Bonham (bottom photo, left to right).



## Winter Planning Party

The MRSA winter planning party was held on Saturday, February 10th at the Belvedere Yacht Club. It was great to see everyone after a cold winter. The 2018 cruising season was revealed and many people volunteered to lead the cruises. There are some new cruises this year. There will be a Safety Day in June which will be for everyone (Racers, Cruises and Juniors) in the Club. There are only two cruises left that need a leader. The one cruise is to Mill Creek off Whitehall Bay on July 7th-8th. The other cruise is to the Cascia vineyard on Cox Creek/Kent Island on September 8th-9th. If you are interested in leading a cruise, please let me know. THANKS TO ALL THE PEOPLE WHO VOLUNTEERED TO LEAD A CRUISE. The first cruise will be on April 28th. Get ready for a great 2018.



Peggy Poe shows off the cake.

DATES	CRUISE	Leaders
APRIL 28	Sock burning - Beano Ck	RT
MAY 12-13	Annapolis Memorial Day	
MAY 26-28	Memorial Day - Wine	Poes
JUNE 9	JUNE Picnic - Rousseau	Casim - Nelson - Bursaw
JUNE 23/24	SAFETY DAY - MASONIC PLACE	MILANOVIC & CROW
JULY 7-8	MILL CREEK - off WHITEHALL	
JULY 28-29	Rockwell of Cassin YC	CHIKIS & KRISTIAN
AUG. 4-5	MILL PINE YC - LAKE FRONT	JACOBSON
AUG. 18	AUGUST Picnic - COASTAL CHASE	DANIEL & DANIEL / JEFFREY
SEPT 1-3	LABOR DAY - CHESAPEAKE PLACE	
SEPT 3-8	LEWIS CREEK SOUTH	DEBBIE & JERRY LUND
SEPT 8-9	CASCIA VINEYARD - COX CREEK	
SEPT 22-23	SOUTH PINE - COX CREEK	TONY & RICH HUGHES
OCT 27	FROSTING CRUISE - MILL CREEK	SANDRA & HENRIE SORRENTINO

Debbie Lund shows the cruise schedule.



MRSA members share good food and camaraderie.



## 2018 MRSA Cruise Schedule

For more information on specific planned cruises, contact the cruise leader listed on the schedule. For any general information feel free to contact Debbie or John Lund directly (410)544-2551, or email [cruising@magothysailing.com](mailto:cruising@magothysailing.com). I wish you all a great summer of fun cruises. See you on the water! (Debbie Lund)

<b>Dates</b>	<b>Cruise</b>	<b>Cruise Leader</b>
April 28	Annual Sock Burning Broad Creek/Looper's Lot	Cecilia Hayes & RT Klamm
May 12-13	Mother's Day Cruise Annapolis, MD	Debbie & John Lund
May 26-28	Memorial Day Cruise Wye River/Granary Creek	Peggy and Ed Poe
June 9	June Picnic Severn River	Chris and Norm Poulsen
June 23 or 24	Safety Day-Magothy River	Mike Mullarky and "Sin" crew
July 7-8	Mill Creek-Off Whitehall Bay	TBD
July 28-29	Rock Hall-Northpoint Marina	Kristin Mullins and Chris Adriance
August 4-5	Lobster Fest Miles River Yacht Club	Diane and Joe Jackins
August 18	August Picnic Cornfield Creek/Mil-Bur Park	Taylor / Pirone
Sept. 1-3	Labor Day Cruise Choptank River	Toni & Rich Hughes
Sept. 3-8	Long Cruise TBD	Debbie & John Lund
Sept. 8-9	Cascia Vineyards- Cox Creek	TBD
Sept 22-23	Sunday Brunch Cruise South River/Church Creek	Toni & Rich Hughes
Oct. 27	Frostbite Cruise Mill Creek, Magothy River	Sherry and Homer Sandridge

## ***Save the Date***

***Spring Brunch***, Sunday, March 18, 10 a.m. Join us for a great brunch at Chartwell Country Club. Speaker is Tony Smith, the designer and founder of Gemini Catamaran. Have brunch with fellow MRSA members, and still have time to work on your boat! Cost: \$40/person; see below for more information and a registration form.

***1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday Night Race***, Wednesday, April 18

***Annual Sock Burning Party and Cruise***, Saturday April 28, 3 pm

As always, the location is Looper's Beach in Broad Creek. Our cruise leaders are promising a wonderful afternoon of burning socks and making s'mores! Come and start the sailing year off right.



**MRSA March Brunch**  
**March 18, 2018**  
**Chartwell Country Club**  
**Cost \$40 per person**

Come to the annual MRSA March Brunch and show your support for our new Commodore and flag officers as we hold our annual flag ceremony. Feast on a great brunch at the Chartwell Country Club, and enjoy a presentation by our keynote speaker, Tony Smith, designer and founder of the Gemini Catamaran.

Agenda

10:00 am	Welcome – Coffee and Cash Bar (Wine, Bloody Mary, Mimosa)
11:00 am	Brunch served by the Chartwell Country Club
12:00 am	Flag Ceremony for new flag officers
12:15 pm	Keynote Speaker – Tony Smith



Tony Smith is a native of Great Britain who has been braving stormy waters since boyhood. If you like good sea stories mark your calendar for March 18<sup>th</sup> at Chartwell Country Club.

Some highlights of Tony's presentation:

- Sailed his first doublehanded Round-Britain Race in a 33-foot trimaran at age 22, built his own boat for the 1974 race and sailed it through a near-hurricane to take first place in the under-35-foot category.
- Designer and founder of the Gemini Catamaran, the most popular sailing catamaran ever built.
- In 2001, he sailed a Gemini across the Atlantic with his son and videotaped their crossing to show it could be done. When they got back to England, took a booth at the London Boat Show, played their videos of schussing along in 40-foot seas, and impressed so many Brits, they sold 30 more boats.
- "I like to say we brought multihulls from England to America, and then we took them back!"

Planning on attending? Email Joe Jackins at [jjack65010@aol.com](mailto:jjack65010@aol.com) by March 13th and fill out and mail the reservation form below with your check:

RESERVATION FORM

***Enclosed is my check for \_\_ reservations @ \$40 per person payable to MRSA***

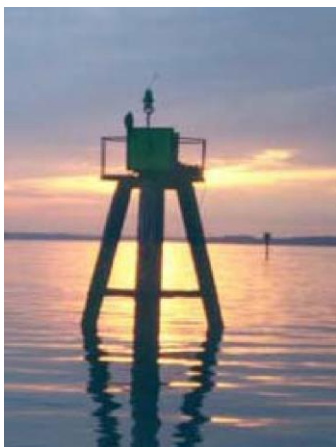
***Names:*** \_\_\_\_\_

Mail to: Homer Sandridge 814 Mill Creek Road, Arnold, MD 21012-1129 Questions? Call Joe Jackins at 410-703-4108 or send an email to jjack65010@aol.com

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## 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!*



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

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