

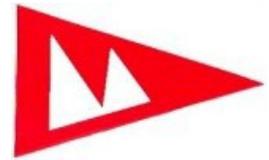


The Old Man

The Monthly Newsletter of the Magothy River Sailing Association

Margaret Burri, Editor

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Commodore's Comments

On March 1st, the information for the 2018 MRSA Junior Training Program was added to the MRSA website. In an age when parents are planning summer activities for their school-age children, our program is very popular. Year after year our well-regarded program has attracted local youngsters. We are grateful to the [Grachur Club](#) for allowing us to hold the program at this beautiful facility.

What is the Grachur Club, and where is it? The Grachur Club sits on the Magothy River across from Whitehurst community and Cattail Creek. The [Girl Scout Camp Whipporwill](#) is right next door to the Grachur Club, and in fact, used to be part of the Grachur Club property. The Grachur Club is a private club that was formed in 1912, and still exists today, 106 years later.

To reach the Grachur Club by land, members and visitors travel on Lake Shore Road, but in the early days of the club, members traveled by train, walked a mile, and then canoed to reach the property. The club began as a Sunday school class for men and boys, and the name derived from Grace Church. The Club has always had a religious background, and the chapel in the woods is an important part of the Grachur Club. The club members were all men for many years, and together they built the club house, cabins, and dining room. Of course, families were a large part of Grachur life, and families vacationed at Grachur, and still do. Women and families were able to become members in the 1990s, and in 2017 Grachur elected its first female president.

Sailing, canoeing, kayaking, swimming, volleyball, ping pong, and horseshoes are all activities that have been popular at Grachur. If you are on the Magothy, you will know that you are near the Grachur Club when you see a large pier with a diving board and a totem pole on the point. If you hear a bell ringing around meal time, (breakfast, lunch and dinner) you know that the Grachur members are about to eat! And if you hear music and singing coming from the trees, you will know that it is Sunday, and there is a service in the beautiful chapel in the woods.

MRSA and Grachur have had a wonderful partnership for seventeen years, and we appreciate the opportunity to continue working with Grachur to provide children this sailing program at such a beautiful place.

Peggy

Peggy Poe

2017-18 Commodore, Magothy River Sailing Association

New Members

It's All in the Family

The mailman brought applications for MRSA membership. It must be spring! People are thinking about sailing! People are thinking about our Junior Sailing Program. People are thinking about ANYTHING BUT WINTER!!!

The MRSA Board voted on applications from three new families in March.

Clayton and Veronica Rutkauskas live in Severna Park and have two children, Andrew and Elizabeth. They are interested in Junior Training.

Another Severna Park family whose application was accepted is the Shirey family. David and Kerri Shirey have three children, Sam, Jake, and Morgan. David has cruised and raced on Wednesday nights with Chris Lindsay on Jezebel.

Christopher and Suzanne Taylor, also Severna Park, have two children ages eleven and nine and are interested in our Junior Training Program.

Please welcome all three families.

Junior Training



REMINDER: This year's program will run from July 9th to the 20th and priority registration for members start on March 1st. After March 31st, members will no longer have priority registration and be registered in order received.

More information 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

Save the Date! April 18!

Wednesday Night Racing!!!

The days are getting longer and the weather is getting warmer... (OK, it snowed like crazy on the first day of Spring) But, it WILL get better!!

Wednesday night racing starts April 18th, so get out to your boat, brush off the snow, check your rigging and sails, make sure the bottom is clean, and get your entry in. Believe it or not, mild evenings with fair breezes on the Magothy are near.

Entries can be sent via snail mail using the entry form in the Redbook, or made online at the MRSA website.

As I write this, we are 3 weeks away from the first gun. Don't be late to the line!

Dave Prucnal
Rear Commodore

Congratulations!!!!

A hearty congratulations goes out to Ed Tracy and the crew of Incommunicado. They won 1st place in High Point for Region 2 in Spin B. Also, Pat Seidel, a PSA member who races with Ed Poe on Capricious, won 1st place in Spin C.

Looking for a Regatta? Have we got one for you!

The [Glenmar Sailing Association's](#) Northern Bay Regatta is back and this year it's going to be better than ever! On Saturday June 30th and Sunday July 1st we'll have 2 fun days of racing including "round the buoys" and "windward/leeward" courses. The Regatta is open to boats in the following classes: PHRF, CHESSS, CRCA & MultiHull. (Any one-design class desiring a start should contact Glenn Harvey at 410-974-9354).

The entry fee is \$60 (\$55 to CBYRA members) and only \$30 to first time entrants in the Northern Bay Regatta. Free slips are available at Markley's Marina on a first come, first serve basis. For slip reservations call Glenn Harvey at 410-974-9354.

On Saturday after the race, please join us for a Luau at the Crazy Tuna Restaurant. The "Tuna" will be lavishly decorated and the Tiki Bar will be in full swing with happy hour priced drinks. We'll offer a bountiful buffet dinner for \$25 per person and all participants and their guests are welcome. Please plan to wear your favorite "Hawaiian Outfits" and flip flops. There will be games and contests and a band will play from 7 to 11 PM. To top things off we invite you to motor out to Wilson Point after dinner for the Middle River Fireworks; they are spectacular.

These are “Wild Card” races for CBYRA High Point that can be scored in any PHRF Region. We’ll share registration details as soon as they are available!

Safety first

MRSA Safety Day

If you examine the 2018 Cruising, Racing and Membership schedules, there appears to be an odd entry in late June -- a “Safety Day.” Inspired by the events that led to Incommunicado's Hanson Award (see the December 2017 *Old Man* for details), we're organizing a day to practice crew-overboard recoveries. Participation is open to anyone associated with MRSA or MRSA events, whether you race, cruise or daysail.

Safety Day is scheduled for Saturday June 23, with an adverse weather plan to move it to Sunday June 24. The activities will take place somewhere on the Magothy River, with a raft-up afterwards for debriefing, refreshments and other socializing. Stations will be set up, with equipment, coaches and chase boats as needed, to allow you to practice various boat handling skills related to making a successful recovery. There will be no test, and even though it is a pretty serious subject we will try to have some fun with it.

Skippers are encouraged to bring their regular crew, and to move them into different roles and visit each station multiple times.

Watch the *Old Man* newsletter in the editions leading up to the Safety Day for reference information and more details about the actual event.

Crew Overboard – Prevention

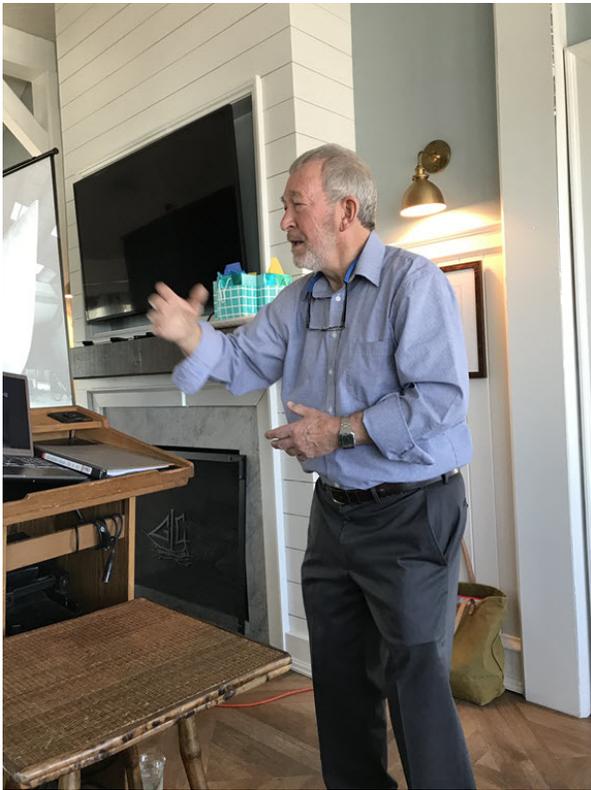
Often the easiest way to deal with a situation like crew-overboard is to avoid it in the first place. While you're doing your usual Spring Commissioning projects, here are three things to check to make sure that you are ready for the season.

- Tape pelican hooks and other lifeline fittings. Incommunicado's Hanson Award was actually the second one that honored a Magothy based boat for a crew-overboard recovery. Both events were caused by a lifeline unexpectedly opening, where a simple wrap of cheap electrical tape could have prevented the hook from detaching or a ring pin from working loose.
- Check lifelines for corrosion, chafe, and meat hooks, and replace if found. Especially on boats that race, where the crew actively leans against the lifelines, having the wire or rope fail can lead to multiple people in the water (and less crew available to help pick them up). Don't forget to look under any cushions or covers that you may have installed.
- Check for loose pulpits, stanchions, and hand-holds, and tighten if necessary. Pulpits and stanchions usually have a set screw in the base. Hand rails and other fittings are likely through-bolted (and therefore more of a project to tighten). Locktite (blue, or similar products) can help prevent nuts and screws from backing out.

Annual Brunch

MRSA Holds Annual March Brunch And Flag Ceremony at the Gibson Island Boathouse Sunday, March 18, 2018

Thirty-four members and guests of MRSA attended the annual March Bruch on Sunday March 18, 2018. What better way to get everyone in the mood for sailing than spending a sunny day at the Gibson Island Boathouse with its views of the water on both sides? The Gibson Island Club served a spectacular brunch buffet and a good time was had by all.



After the brunch our guest speaker, Tony Smith, treated us to many fascinating sea stories. To say he was fearless in his younger years would be an understatement. Tony grew up on the East Coast of England and learned how to sail on Snipes in Egypt off the Suez Canal. He did the around Britain race--which is a two-thousand-mile race around England--twice in a small trimaran. This was before GPS with only an RDF for navigation and before anyone knew it was possible. He then discussed how he founded the Annapolis company that manufactured Gemini Catamarans, one of the most successful cruising catamarans ever built. At one point, his company produced a new catamaran every four days from its Back Creek boatyard. Ultimately, the company built and sold over 1,000 boats. To round out his offshore experience, he and his teenage son crossed the Atlantic in one of these 30 ft Gemini catamarans.

The day concluded with the presentation of awards for 2017 and the passing of the flags ceremony for the incoming flag officers. Pictured: Mike Mullarky, Homer Sandridge, Peggy Poe, John & Debbie Lund.



Awards and recipients included:

The Ham Palmer Award
Commodore's special thanks
Spirit of Cruising Award

Cruise Leader Award

PC Dave Pirone
Homer Sandridge
1st PCs John and Debbie Lund
2nd Commodore Peggy and PC Ed Poe
Toni and Rich Hughes

Special thanks to Gibson Island and our speaker for memorable day. Thanks also to our outgoing officers and board members for a great year. We welcome our new commodore and board and look forward to an awesome 2018 sailing season.

Joe Jackins

Seen at the Brunch:



Annette Mullarky and Gabriella Belli



Debbie Lund, Chris Poulsen, Denise Pirone



Chris Adrienne & Kristin Mullins



Sherry Sandridge, Linda & Joe Berchielli

Ham Palmer Award



MRSA as commodore for three consecutive terms. The Board, for the entire membership of MRSA thanks Dave Pirone for his service to MRSA.

At the Annual MRSA Spring Brunch, Past Commodore Dave Pirone was presented with the J. Hambleton “Ham” Palmer Memorial Sportsmanship & Service to Sailing Award. The award with a very long name is generally just called the Ham Palmer Award. Dave is a very worthy award winner. He served as Commodore for MRSA for two consecutive terms of office. In the past several years, MRSA has not been able to elect vice-commodores, so Dave served as Commodore without a vice-commodore for both of his terms. When Dave was Past Commodore, the new Commodore, Denise Fath, was a very new MRSA member, and was not knowledgeable about MRSA. The new commodore relied on Dave completely, including as chair of the Board meetings many months. In effect, Dave almost served

Peggy Poe
Commodore

Cruising Corner

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. I wish you all a great summer of fun cruises. See you on the water! (Debbie Lund)

Dates	Cruise	Cruise Leader
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

1st Wednesday Night Race, Wednesday, April 18

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

It's almost time to **BURN OUR SOCKS!**

The Umpteenth Annual Sock Burning Party is scheduled for April 28th at 3:00 at Looper Beach on Broad Creek. This is a fan and family favorite with a bonfire, hot dogs, s'mores, everyone's favorite hors d'oeuvres, and burning socks. Come by land or by water but be sure to put this party on your calendar.

The snow WILL BE MELTED by April, and everyone will be in the mood to party.

Email RT Klamm at theklammer@aol.com to let him know that you will be coming.

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 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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