



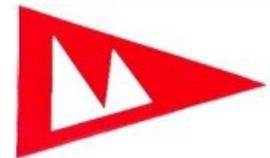
The Old Man

The Monthly Newsletter of the Magothy River Sailing Association

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Commodore's Comments



Maritime Sock Burning? Is it a thing? Yes, it is! Is it an ancient tradition handed down from father to son, from captain to mate? There is not much evidence to support that theory.

There is some information to suggest that the first sock burning party might have begun right here in Annapolis in 1978 when a yacht yard worker named Bob Turner, after leaving his job on the first day of spring, decided to burn his socks in tribute to the weather finally getting warmer. Bob threw his socks

in a paint pan and poured lighter fluid over them and suggested that his co-workers do the same. He threw a match on the mess of dirty socks, and they all went and had a beer. Ta-da! That was the beginning of the sock-burning party. Turner, when he owned his marina, instituted Sock Burning parties for his workers every year.

MRSA has held a very popular Sock Burning Party for many years. We have met on the Loooper beach on Broad Creek, and around a warming fire have told sea stories, shared amazing hors d'oeuvres, and welcomed the new sailing season. Members have come wearing the most outlandish socks and thrown them on the roaring fire, watching them burn into ashes. Some have come with bags of old socks with toes missing and heels worn out. One member brought a bag of un-matched socks – the lonely sock whose mate was destroyed or eaten by the washer. Some members just take off their shoes and throw in the socks they are wearing.

To prepare for the Sock Burning Party, some have said one must be sure to visit the salon for a pedicure. Others make sure to keep their shoes on and bring socks ready to toss on the fire. Whether you are exposing your toes or staying shod, be prepared for an odiferous, even stinky afternoon and evening. The smell of burning wool socks is not the most pleasant of aromas. At the MRSA Sock Burning Party, we make sure to barbecue the hot dogs and hamburgers on a different fire. And we roast the marshmallows for the delicious s'mores before the socks get tossed onto the burning logs. Somehow those socks don't mix with toasting marshmallows! Burning socks on the shores of Broad Creek is a tradition for Magothy River Sailing Association that will likely continue for years to come.

And don't forget that MRSA Safety Day starts at the Sock Burning. We want everyone to be safe on the water; see the article later in this newsletter.

Peggy

Peggy Poe

2017-18 Commodore, Magothy River Sailing Association

New Members

The MRSA Board, better known as the BOG was not bogged down when it came to approving new members since the March meeting.

In time to meet a deadline for membership priority status for Junior Training, the board approved Katie and Chris Davis for membership. The Davis family lives in Fulton, and they have 4 children. Son Josh will be a first- year sailor in the Junior Training program in July.

At the April meeting, the BOG voted on two other applications for membership. These families were eager to join the Wednesday night racing fleet. Fred and Carol Hutzley, of Severna Park, sail a Pearson 31, docked at Whitehurst. Fred, Carol, and their son, Brad are looking forward to getting back into racing and cruising on "Away We Go."

Bryan Russell and Elliot Nudell live in Arnold in Bayberry on the Magothy. Bryan and Elliot sail a Pearson 10 Meter. If you see "Mostly Harmless" racing on Wednesday night, or on the weekend cruises, give them a friendly wave, because they are the newest members of MRSA!

The Board is glad to welcome all of these new members to MRSA!

Junior Training



Rich Hughes looks over the newest addition to the Junior Training Fleet.

A New Boat for the Junior Training Fleet

Rich Hughes

Most members know that MRSA conducts an annual youth training program. The program has been in existence for long before I joined MRSA in 1988, and may go back to the club's origin in 1974. It was originally conducted at "Tree Tops," on the shore of Sillery Bay, the beautiful property of MRSA members Hallie and Virginia Rice. In 2000, the Rice's sold the property and we were forced to find a new location for the camp. That year we teamed with The [Grachur Club](#) to conduct the camp on their property on the upper Magothy River.

Our program is recognized as one of the best youth programs on the Bay because we focus on beginning sailing skills, not just advanced and racing skills. What many members may not realize is that MRSA has a sizable fleet of small boats to support the program. Because the program is intended to teach beginning sailing to youth, ages 9 to 13, we have compiled a mixed fleet of boats. MRSA currently owns five Vanguard Opti's, nine Vanguard 420's, Six Club FJ's, and six Lasers. Most of our boats are purchased used

from collegiate programs; the only boats that were purchased new were the Vanguard Opti's. We are constantly on the lookout for boats to add to the fleet as the fleet ages. We recently added one FJ to the fleet and will dispose of one 420 and one Laser that are no longer serviceable.

Help out on boat prep day! Junior Training is a vital part of a growing sailing club. Come support the young sailors as they get ready for another summer on the water. No repair experience necessary. If you want to volunteer for the prep day, mark your calendars for June 16 (Rain Date: June 23) and send Rich Hughes an e-mail fantastc@comcast.net.

The fleet is maintained by the parents and students. This usually involves a spring preparation day before the camp begins and then a movement day when the boats are moved from their storage location to The Grachur Club and a movement effort at the end of the camp. The preparation day includes removing each boat from its storage rack, cleaning and making rigging and hull repairs and then restoring the boats in the racks.

The activities on boat movement day include removing each boat from the rack, stepping the masts, launching the fleet,

towing the boats to The Grachur Club, and stowing the boats on the beach in preparation for the camp. On the last day of camp, all the boats are towed back the storage location, derigged and replaced back in the racks. This program is successful because we have great support from the membership and especially the parents of the students.

Racing Corner

Racing Starts Wednesday, April 18! Some memories from Wednesday Nights past:



Need Crew?

Alan Weiss

There are a few fine hearty young sailors who have reached out to me, looking to crew on the Magothy River Wednesday nights. Shoot me an email (sailingdr@aol.com) if you have room on your boat for one or two crew and I will do my best to be the matchmaker.

CRCA Cruiser Racing on the Magothy and Chesapeake Bay

Mark Walker

The Chesapeake Racer Cruiser Association (CRCA) continues to grow in popularity and participation. Established in 2015, it now includes three Bay series. At the Wednesday night races on the Magothy, we had four cruiser racers participate in 2017, showing a growing interest and providing some fun and experience. We are hopeful that there will be more participants this year, so please consider joining us or if you know of someone that might be interested, please let them know.

The CRCA [website](#) is limited in content for now, since most of the effort has been in working on rules and races on the Bay over the past three years. Jay Tyson has been the inspiration and lead for the entire Bay since he established CRCA in 2015. He has also been the lead for working with clubs to include cruiser classes in bay and river racing, like our MRSA Magothy races. I have been identified as one of the Executive Officers for the CRCA Northern Bay Cruisers Fleets, and the POC for the Magothy Fleet. If you would like more info, please send me an email (celerity1@verizon.net).

In addition to the following ([CBYRA](#) HIGH POINT) Race series, several of these races will also qualify for the North of the Bay Series (more info to come). Note that there are other individual races that CRCA classes participate (e.g. Hospice Cup):

2018 CRCA NORTH SAILS EVENTS – This is a best 5 of 9 Series:

- May 19 - SCC/GIYS Spring Race to Gibson Island
- May 26 - MRYC – Annapolis to Miles River
- June 8 - Annapolis Bermuda Ocean Race
- June 9 - PSA - Moonlight
- July 14 - EYC – Boomerang
- August 3 - SMCSA – Governor’s Cup
- Sept 8 - NASS – Oxford
- Oct 6 - PSA – Race to Rock Hall
- Oct 20 - BCYA – BALTIMORE HARBOR CUP

ELIGIBILITY – The races of this series are open to all boats that meet the CRCA Class Rules. Highlights of these rules include:

- Downwind Sail Area/Displacement ratio of less than 50
- Rated Sail Area/Displacement ration of less than 30
- To be Eligible for the North Sails (CBYRA High Point) Trophy you must by Sept 1
 - o Have a current [ORRez](#) certificate
 - o Be a “Full Member” of a CRCA Fleet
 - o Be a Member of CBYRA
- CLASSES – While the events included in this series are scored by class, this Series is scored on a consolidated “single class” basis. Where possible this series will be score using [PCS](#) “Performance Curve Scoring” which more accurately considers wind speed and course configuration.

SERIES SCORING

- Scoring is Low Point. Best 5 races. Boats entered but that did not finish will be scored 1 more that the number of race entries. Boats that do not enter an event will be scored 1 more that the boats that participate in the Series.
- CRCA Members that enter the [CHESSS](#) class and sail the same course as the CRCA class will be scored for this series as long as they meet the requirements above.

For more information contact Jay Tyson jwtj29@gmail.com

Cruising Corner

Mother’s Day Cruise

Debbie Lund

Please join John and Debbie Lund on a cruise to Annapolis for Mother’s Day weekend. On Saturday, May 12th, *Chapter Three* should be on a mooring in Annapolis. As I write this article, the boat is still on the hard and most of the spring work needs to be done to the outside and the inside. We will host happy hour at 1700 hours on Saturday and celebrate a new season. If your

boat is not ready, please come by car and use the water taxi. Just let us know that you are coming.

For Mother's Day, John and I are planning to go to the Boatyard for breakfast at 8:30 AM. We have been there on Mother's Day and at that hour, it is not crowded. Please let us know if you want to join us. Please RSVP to Debbie at dlund210@gmail.com or 410-382-0332 (cell phone).

CRUISE LEADERS NEEDED !!!

Debbie Lund

The 2018 sailing season is almost here! So far, the weather doesn't feel like spring or summer. It will get hot and then we will be complaining. **There are two cruises that need a cruise 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 either one of those cruises, please let me know at dlund210@gmail.com or 410-544-2551. It is not difficult to lead a cruise-send out an article pre and post, attend the cruise or find a replacement and decide on the time for "Happy Hour". The vineyard cruise does need you to touch base with the vineyard and see if we can have a tour for the MRSA group. See you on the water!

MEMORIAL DAY CRUISE

Peggy Poe



In only a few short weeks, the U.S. will be celebrating [Memorial Day](#) with picnics, barbecues, parades and big sales at the malls. MRSA will be celebrating with finally getting out on the water for a long cruise, and this year, as we have for many years, the cruisers are headed to Granary Creek on the Wye River.

The Memorial Day Weekend [Wye Island](#) Rendezvous is a joint club cruise put on by EYC, CBC, CB2, CB40, PSA, and MRSA. (If you know all of those club names, you are already

a winner*).

Arrive on Saturday and enjoy happy hour on *Ravenous*, and then go ashore if you like, to use the grills and picnic tables for your cook-out. There will be a movie ashore at 7:00.

On Sunday morning the organized fun will begin. In the morning the "silly" boat inspection will tickle everyone's funny bone and get you ready for a day of hilarity. After a break for lunch, "serious competition" starts up with games for kids and grown-ups, including a graphic art event, nautical trivia, ski walk, knot tying, baseball toss, and a water balloon relay.

The culmination of the events is the delicious dinner provided by George's Barbecue made even better by the delicious pot luck hors d'oeuvres, sides, and desserts provided by attendees.

This entire weekend of thrills and fun can be yours for only \$30 per adult and \$15 for kids 12 and under, collected at the dinner. (Cash or check)

Please email Peggy and Ed Poe at mpoe1@comcast.net if you will be joining this fun cruise. Hope to see you on May 26 thru May 28 on the Wye River.

*The Clubs are Eastport Yacht Club, Magothy River Sailing Association, Chesapeake Bristol Club, Club Beneteau Chesapeake Bay, Potapskut Sailing Association, and Chesapeake Bay Bermuda 40 Association.

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

Tips & Tricks

Don't let a slow dinghy leak ruin your weekend cruise. With a little bit of dilute soapy water, after over-inflating the dinghy, find and mark the leak. Clean off the soap and water, lower the pressure, and apply about a 1 inch diameter blob of a waterproof, fast-cure, polyurethane adhesive. In the morning, re-inflate, and you should be good to go!

Do your own minor sail repair. Buy a yard of Kevlar sail repair tape from your local loft and cut it into 4 inch wide strips. Roll it up and store it in a waterproof bag on the boat. Minor repairs and some moderate repairs can be done by you without taking it back to the loft. Another saved weekend!

Got a tip or trick you want to share? Send it to newsletter@magothysailing.com!

MRSA SAFETY DAY

MRSA Safety Day -- Starts at the Sock Burning Cruise

Plans are coming together for the Safety Day, on June 23, where we will practice various skills related to the recovery of someone who is no longer aboard the boat. Details will be published in the *Old Man*, and sent to the MRSA e-mail lists, as we get closer to that date.

However, we are going to start our discussions, demonstrations, and drills at the Sock Burning Cruise on April 28th -- with "what to do when you are close, but not close enough." In an ideal COB (Crew Over Board) recovery, the boat comes to a stop right next to the swimmer...who is then easily able to climb aboard. In the real world, our boat handling may not be perfect. Or we misjudged the impact of wind and current on the boat or the COB. Or we just did a perfect approach...to their hat. Or any of a hundred other things that could go wrong.

We could get the boat moving again, and make another approach. While that works fine for picking up mooring balls, the priority needs to be getting the COB out of the water. We all carry equipment (or should!) that can be used to reach or throw to the COB and pull them to the boat. Samples will be available for examination and use on Looper's beach.

Crew Overboard -- Prevention and Initial Reaction

Last month we suggested a few items to check during Spring Commissioning that can help to prevent COB incidents. Now that boats are getting launched and used, here are a few more simple things to do to avoid a problem:

- Keep decks and walkways clear of items that are awkward to get around (dinghys) or are trip hazards (lines, spinnaker poles).

- Hold on to something firmly attached when moving about on the boat.
- Wear a harness and clip in when conditions warrant (which is before you think they do!).

If someone does go over:

- Make sure that everyone left aboard is aware that someone is overboard.
- Identify where the COB is. Depending on the setup and number of remaining crew, this could involve dedicating a spotter whose sole duty is to retain eye contact with the swimmer. It could involve activating “MOB” features of chart plotters or other on-board electronics. It could involve precise navigation using speed, course, set and drift of the COB and the vessel.....or just a quick visual fix and glance at the compass course.
- Get things that float into the water in the general direction of the COB. The person in the water may be able to get to one for assistance, and the field of debris helps to locate the swimmer.
- Prepare for sail and boat handling.

Finally, if you are the one in the water:

- Stay calm. Deep breaths (full lungs) and relaxed muscles will help you float. This is especially easy because you were wearing your PFD.
- If one of the floating objects thrown from the boat is nearby, swim to it at an easy, relaxed pace.
- Think about it before jettisoning any clothing. Jackets, shirts and pants will help keep you warm, and most will hold some air and provide buoyancy. You may regret kicking off shoes if you encounter glass, rocks, or barnacles later on.
- Waving arms and yelling takes a lot more energy than you think that it does, and is a lot less effective than you think it is. Make sure that everyone knows that you went in, and where you are when they are close, but otherwise save that energy.
- Distances are deceiving. The boat is really not as far away as it seems, and the shore is a lot farther than it looks. In most cases, stay put and let the boat come back to you.
- Remember that you and your entire crew have practiced and prepared for this type of event. Everyone knows just what to do, and they'll be right back for you. You have practiced and prepared, haven't you?

Save the Date

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.

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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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