



# *The Old Man*

*The Monthly Newsletter of the Magothy River Sailing Association*

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## ***Commodore's Comments***

Everyone volunteers. Some people help out with the PTA at their kids' schools. Others coach lacrosse, baseball, or soccer teams. There are lots of hours spent at local churches, synagogues, and community centers. We know that these hours are given cheerfully, and without pay.

Some volunteers are very skilled in specialized areas, and others are just willing to pitch in to do whatever is needed to lighten the workload. All organizations are made better because of the help of its volunteers. MRSA, like many sailing clubs, has no paid officers. We depend totally on volunteers, and we are lucky to have some terrific individuals leading our programs.

In July, MRSA Junior Training begins because of some very dedicated volunteers. Rich Hughes, our Fleetmaster, helped to find a new boat for the fleet and along with some of the Junior



Training parents and kids, cleaned up the boats prior to launch day. Evan Clayton, Fleet Captain Junior Training, is once again in charge of this terrific two week program to train forty junior sailors. These two volunteers, along with Zoe Emerson, our registrar, have ensured that we continue to have a successful Junior Training program year after year.

Everyone in MRSA owes a huge thank you to these three volunteers for their efforts on behalf of the Junior Training program.

**Peggy**

**Peggy Poe**

**2017-18 Commodore, Magothy River Sailing Association**

## *Junior Training: Here they come!*

Our volunteers had the perfect weekend to get everything in place for the start of Junior Training!



## New Members

### New Members, New Members, New Members!

*Peggy Poe*

MRSA is always looking for new members. Maybe you know someone who has a child who would like to be in the Junior Sailing Program, but was too late to get in. If they were members, they have priority over others if they get their applications in by April 1st. Maybe you have friends who might like to join the Wednesday night racing fleet! Do you know anyone who cruises on the weekend? They might like to cruise with the MRSA cruisers. Suggest that they try out our cruising schedule and then consider joining MRSA.

At our June Board meeting, the BOG (Board of Governors) approved the application of David Coates. David and his wife live in Baltimore and have four children. He and his partners, Ryan Henry and Tyler Larson are working on the applications for PHRF and getting their Sabre 28-1 ready to race on Wednesday nights. The boat's name is *Active*, and home port is Deep Creek. David has raced with Drew Dowling and Mike Mennucci in the past.

Welcome to David and crew Ryan and Tyler!

## Cruising Corner



### Mill Creek Cruise Wrap-Up

*Debbie Lund*

After a very hot and humid July 4th week, the weekend following the holiday was picture perfect. The sky was bright blue and no humidity. It was actually cool at night so jackets were needed after dark. It was like a New England summer day!

Friday night/Saturday morning a cold front came through and the wind blew from the northeast at about 20 knots. The problem was that the water was blown out of the Bay! Our boat did not float until about noon but then we headed

for Mill Creek. It took the Poes until about 2:00 before they could think about leaving their slip. By the time they loaded the boat for the weekend it was closer to 2:30. They did leave the Magothy but decided around the Bay Bridge due to lack of time and water in the Mill Creek channel to turn back and to drive to [Cantler's](#).

Homer and Sherry Sandridge aboard *Tide Dancer* and Chris Adriance and Kristin Mullins aboard *Josephine* left their slips around noon and headed for Mill Creek. The wind decided to go from 20 knots in the morning to less than 5 knots so we all motored from Sandy Point to Mill Creek. We decided to have Happy Hour and then dinghy in to Cantler's restaurant. We should have gone to the restaurant earlier and put our names on the list and then have Happy Hour. We were told it would be 2 hours to get a table but it turned out to be 1 ¼ hours. Not too bad because it was a delightful night. The land yachts (cars) had to wait to get a parking space for over a ½ hour! There was no waiting to tie up the dinghies.

Sunday morning was a nice sail back with a beautiful blue sky, cool temperatures and no humidity.

Photo: Saturday Night Dinner at Cantlers. Cruisers are Debbie and John Lund, Homer and Sherry Sandridge, Chris Adriance and Kristin Mullins. Land cruisers Ed and Peggy Poe drove to meet them at the restaurant.

### *Save the Dates!*

#### **MRSA Picnic/Cruise at the Mil-Bur Park**

**Saturday August 18<sup>th</sup>**

*Dave Pirone*

The August weather may be hot, but there is usually is a cool breeze blowing and there is always the pool to cool off in at the August picnic/cruise at Mil-Bur. The Taylor's and Pirone's will be hosting the August Picnic / Cruise. Come join your MRSA friends for a fun, relaxing afternoon on Saturday, August 18th.

Come by water or land. Activities will start at 1:00 and by 2:00 the grills will be hot and busy with hamburgers and hot dogs grilling. Drinks are provided but please bring a side dish, salad, or a dessert to share with the group. Besides swimming and eating there will be games to play, and lots of conversation.

Cornfield Creek is a well-protected secure anchorage just off the north shore of Gibson Island. After entering the creek be sure to heed the small green can #1(stay to the right of the can) and then look for the Mil-Bur community pier at the north end of the creek. If you have any questions, give me a call 410-255-4953.

Land directions - take Rte. 100 to the end where it merges onto Mountain Road. Continue straight for about 3 miles and after passing Chesapeake High School on the left the next right turn is Milburn Circle. Turn right and go straight to the clubhouse and pool.

**Please let us know if you are coming no later than Wednesday, August 15th** so that we can shop accordingly. Please RSVP to me at [dpirone@hotmail.com](mailto:dpirone@hotmail.com) or 410-255-4953.

## Cruise to the South River: DATE Change

The South River/Church Creek Cruise and Brunch, originally scheduled for September 22/23, will now take place on **September 15/16**. Plan to cruise to the South River and Church Creek, and enjoy Happy Hour on shore at the Wilelinor Clubhouse. Sunday morning brunch features omelets at Hughes house.

More details to come. Contact Rich and Toni Hughes for rsvp, directions, or details.

## Safety Day

Despite low turnout, participants in the MRSA Safety Day were able to practice crew overboard recovery techniques and experiment with a variety of equipment. The afternoon thunderstorms in the forecast never materialized, and the overcast light air conditions were actually perfect for the drills. *Ravenous* and *Eighth Deadly Sin* took turns stopping next to inflatable marks, deploying [Lifeslings](#), and returning to an actual person who had jumped off of the underway boat.



### *Some lessons learned:*

- Two Lifeslings were deployed, and both lines were a snarled mess. Repacking probably needs to be done multiple times each season.
- There was a tendency to do a 'normal' recovery with the Lifesling -- bringing the boat close to the swimmer. With this piece of equipment, it's actually more effective to simply continue circling the swimmer until the float reaches them.
- If you are the swimmer, put the flotation of the Lifesling on your chest. Being pulled in face down is uncomfortable and dangerous.

That said, the swimmer is now facing away from the boat as they are being pulled in, so make sure that someone aboard is talking with the swimmer to reassure them and keep them informed. Also make sure that you don't pull them head-first into the transom.

To a swimmer, that boat going away looks like it's moving at 20 knots, even if it's only doing 3. And a boat getting close still looks like it's moving at 20 knots, even if it's almost stopped. Again, communicate with your swimmer to reassure them.



Many thanks to Ruth Baumert and Andy Kirkendall for helping with the stations and logistics. And to Annabelle for the lovely welcome-aboard greeting.



## 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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