



# The Old Man

The Monthly Newsletter of the Magothy River Sailing Association

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## Commodore's Comments

There are a number of sailors who meet together every other weekend in the summer, and eat and drink and tell [scary stories](#). You may wonder what this has to do with Magothy River Sailing Association. These are the cruisers of MRSA, and the scary stories focus on near disasters on their boats, maintenance nightmares, bad storms, or dumb mistakes. Cruisers have great stories to tell!

The cruisers have been sailing (or motoring) this summer in spite of the heat and the rain, and have more cruises planned before the end of the year. They have already

checked off the Wye River, Annapolis, the Severn River, Miles River and Rock Hall destinations. Next on the list is an easy visit to Cornfield Creek on the Magothy for the August picnic.

Labor Day and the Long Cruise will find the cruisers in the Choptank River. The Choptank has a wealth of creeks for cruisers. In fact, some of the scary stories and near-disasters may have happened in the Choptank or one of its creeks.

The beauty of this area is an obvious draw for cruising, but in addition, the towns of [Oxford](#) and [Cambridge](#) are wonderful destination towns with fascinating history, quaint shops, and delicious restaurants – all magnets for the Magothy cruisers. Why not consider joining the MRSA cruisers for Labor Day and maybe the long cruise?



Peggy

**Peggy Poe**

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

## ***Cruising Corner***

### ***Rock Hall Cruise***

Chris Adriance and Kristin Mullins

After a turbulent week of weather, the weather for the cruise to Rock Hall was great! Saturday's breeze was light, so the sails were an aid to the engine for most of the cruisers. Debris in the bay had started to build as a result of the previous week's rain, so some evasive maneuvers were needed. In total, 6 boats with 13 people, made the trek in to Rock Hall, the Poes on ***Ravenous***, the Lunds on ***Chapter Three***, the Mullarkys with Ruth Baumert on ***Eighth Deadly Sin***, the Hughes on ***Fantastic***, the Walkers on ***Celerity II*** and your authors and cruise leaders on ***Josephine***.



After a hot and humid day on the bay the next logical stop was the pool at [Northpoint Marina](#). The planned, 5:00pm, happy hour was supposed to be held in the marina's pavilion, but with the hot weather the pool seemed like a more appropriate setting.

The [Dark and Stormies](#) were the only foul weather in sight and the snacks were plentiful.

[Watermen's Crab House](#) was decided on as the location for a group dinner. The food was delicious and the band was just loud enough to be enjoyable.



The next day everyone met under the pavilion for an impromptu breakfast, thanks to complimentary donuts and coffee provided by Northpoint Marina. The humidity had broken and the winds were light but steady.



One by one each of the MRSA boats departed and the caravan headed south down the Rock Hall channel. Winds were pleasant but strong enough for everyone to sail until about noon, when they eventually tapered off.

Unfortunately the debris in the bay had only gotten worse, so everyone was on the lookout for large logs and the occasional tire. Back in the Magothy, with almost everyone from the cruise in sight, sails started to come down as

everyone began the final motor for home. It was a great ending to a great cruise. Thanks again to everyone who came out for our first ever cruise as cruise leaders, it will certainly not be our last.

*Photos: Sunday morning breakfast and Saturday's dinner at Waterman's Crab House. Cruisers Pictured are Mike and Annette Mullarky with Ruth Baumert, Ed and Peggy Poe, Debbie and John Lund, Mark and Marty Walker, Rich Hughes (Toni Hughes Photographer), Chris Adriance and Kristin Mullins*

## ***MRSA Cruise to the Miles River Yacht Club (MRYC)***

Joe Jackins

While lightly attended by MRSA, the cruise to the MRYC Lobster Feast (August 4-5) was enjoyed by all who came. Cruise leaders Joe and Diane Jackins aboard *Starlight Express* were joined by John and Debbie Lund aboard *Chapter Three*, Rich and Toni Hughes via land yacht, and Tony and Dee Torres with their daughter Deanna and the two granddaughters, Shayla and Kailana, also via land yacht.

There was some concern about the [debris in the Bay](#) leftover from the storms and the opening of the flood gates of the [Conowingo Dam](#) about a week before. The members who arrived by boat were happy to report that the Bay had purged itself of most of the debris and we both enjoyed a nice leisurely sail and motor sail from the Magothy. The weather was much better than expected.

Prior to the lobster dinner we all assembled for cocktails at the dock in the cockpit of *Starlight Express*. Dark and Stormies were served to those who requested one.

The MRYC did a fantastic job organizing the lobster feast and the caterer, Chesapeake Seafood, did a great job serving up the luscious crustaceans. Included with a 1 ½ pound lobster was a bag of cherrystone clams and mussels, shrimp, corn on the cob, baked potato, a salad, and marble cake for dessert, all for the very reasonable price of \$44 per adult and \$35 per child. Additionally, we were able to find a table to accommodate all of us in one area.

Thanks to the MRYC and its staff for throwing a great party and including us in their annual event.

### ***Save the Date: MRSA Long Cruise***

September 1 to September 9

*Debbie Lund*

The start of the long cruise is Labor Day Weekend. Our plans are very open at this time for both the Labor Day Weekend and the long cruise except that we will arrive back to the Magothy on the 9th. We will probably remain in the Maryland waters instead of pushing too far south since it is only one week of sailing. If anyone is interested in participating in the Labor Day cruise or the long cruise, please contact us at [dlund210@gmail.com](mailto:dlund210@gmail.com) or 410-544-2551. We will have a planning meeting in August to finalize the details of the Labor Day Weekend and the one week.

## ***Save the Date: Omelette Cruise to Church Creek***

September 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>

*Toni Hughes*

The Sunday Brunch Cruise to Church Creek on the north shore of the South River will be September 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>. Plan to arrive by 1700 hours on 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. A gas grill will be available for anyone interested in cooking dinner ashore.



Sunday morning, Rich and Toni Hughes will host the annual omelette 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 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.

### **Local Knowledge for Church Creek on the South River**

Once you enter the South River continue to day marker Red 12. Beyond R 12, day mark R 14 that previously served as the turning mark into Church Creek has been removed. Begin a sweeping right turn from R 12 toward the speed marker at the entrance to the creek at heading of 340oM. You should be in 12 -14 feet of water. Be aware of shoaling to starboard as you continue toward the entrance. As you approach the speed marker, the better water is to the right side.

Once inside the marker, stay to the center of the creek. You will see a community marina on the left. Continue up the creek.

On the right side just beyond the second pier you will see a wooden bulkhead. Be sure that you are at least two boat lengths off the bulkhead. Beyond the bulkhead, on the left will be a speed marker on the left side, along the shore with marsh grass behind the marker. There is a shoal extending two to three boat lengths from the speed marker, stay to the right of the creek as you pass the speed marker.

Beyond the speed marker continue in the center of the creek. Looking ahead, you will see a house with bright yellow awnings. The community marina is on the point to the right of the house with the yellow awnings. Off the point, the creek narrows past a

speed marker on a pilling. Anchor in the creek before the speed marker. The water depth is approximately 8 feet and carries well up to the wooded shore on the left. A floating dingy dock is available along the community bulkhead.

### **Directions by land yacht to the Church Creek Cruise:**

Take Ritchie Highway south to Route 50 West. Follow Route 50 west to Exit 22 for Aris T. Allen Boulevard (Route 665). Exit Route 665 at Solomon's Island Road (Route 2).

From the exit ramp continue straight across route 2 into the community of Wilelinor. As you are facing Christ Church, turn right onto Great Oak Drive. Proceed to the stop sign. Turn left on to Wilelinor Drive. Follow Wilelinor Drive until it curves to the right, continue straight onto Carvel Circle.

The tan house with red shutters on the left (11 Carvel Circle) is the Hughes'. To attend the Saturday happy hour, continue to follow Wilelinor Drive to the end. Parking is available in two parking areas on the left as you approach the beach area.

## ***TIPS AND TRICKS: Closing a Stripped Screw Hole***

[Editor's note: This month's tip is brought to you by Alan Weiss, skipper of *Endless Summer*. Please note his plea for other contributors! Now's your chance to be a published author and share your better mousetrap!]

First, I would like to say that I am certain I am not the only innovator out there, so come one come all and send your *Tip and Trick* to [newsletter@magothysailing.com](mailto:newsletter@magothysailing.com).

This issue I'm offering a new approach to the "stripped" screw hole. Everyone knows the toothpick idea: take one and fill the hole. But I believe that using a piece of mono-filament copper wire from a heavy gauge wire (stripped using the black, red or white wire alone) to fill a hole better satisfies the need to fill the hole, have moderate compression characteristics, and be durable--it won't rust or degrade.

PS: If you still want to use the toothpick I suggest you take a piece of treated lumber and whittle off a sliver instead.

## 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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