



The Old Man

The Monthly Newsletter of the Magothy River Sailing Association

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Commodore's Corner

September always makes me a little bit sad. The days are shorter. The leaves begin to change colors and start to come down. And winter is not too far off. Of course, it won't be long before the warm summer weather will just be a happy memory. But there are still many wonderful sailing days left in September, October and even November for both racers and cruisers.

Wednesday night racing will soon be coming to an end. The good news is that the Hallie Rice Series will provide the racers the opportunity to stay active all the way through to the end of October. And of course the annual Trophy Party in October will celebrate the end of Wednesday Night racing.

The cruisers will head to the South River for a fun Happy Hour and a fabulous Brunch at the home of Rich and Toni Hughes. One last cruise will give the cruisers a last chance to party together in Mill Creek on the Magothy at the Sandridges for a potluck dinner. Some will cruise and others will drive, but all will have a great time. Are you seeing a theme with the cruisers? Cruisers like to eat! All are welcome!

The MRSA board is looking for members who have some ideas about how to make MRSA better. If you would like to be part of the board or just have some ideas, please let any one of the current board members know. We need your energy and your ideas!

Peggy

Peggy Poe

2017-18 Commodore, Magothy River Sailing Association

SAVE THE DATE: MEMBERSHIP MEETING OCTOBER 4

This year, the Annual October dinner meeting will return to [Ledo's Pizza](#) located in the shopping center across from the Giant on Richie Highway. The presentation topic will be "Annapolis Lighthouses: Lost Treasures Mark a Changing Region," presented by Bob Stevenson, a member of the [US Lighthouse Foundation](#) and volunteer of the [Annapolis Maritime Museum](#). The activities (refreshments) start at approximately 6:30 followed by dinner and presentation at 7:00. This promises to be a very informative evening, and we look forward to seeing many members there. Let Wally Gribbin know you will be coming by calling 410-757-4985.

Racing Corner

A Picture's Worth a Thousand Words!

Check out these great pictures from the Wednesday night races! Thanks to Ed and Peggy Poe and the crew of *Capricious* for taking these the night they were race committee.





Trophy Party

Join us in congratulating these intrepid racers! The Annual Wednesday Night Trophy Party will be held on October 10th at [Potapskut Sailing Association](#) (PSA). The party will begin at 5:30. Crew members and Captains alike will enjoy the celebration that marks the end of the Wednesday night racing series. Subs and liquid refreshments will be provided. Please bring a snack to share.

Cruising Corner

MRSA Picnic/Cruise at the Mil-Bur Park

We started our cooking for the August MRSA Milbur picnic promptly at 1 pm due to the pending thunderstorms which were to arrive around 3 pm. As it turned out, the thunderstorms moved around the Milbur Park and we had warm but pleasant afternoon. Approximately 35 members and guests were in attendance, including Myron and Siggie Dorf who travelled from New Jersey!

A few members took advantage of the comfortable pool water. In fact, Ed Poe's cannonball received a "10" rating. As with all the MRSA socials, The food was plentiful and very tasty with hot dogs, hamburgers and Italian sausage. And oh, the sides and desserts. I am still looking for the person who made the double fudgy brownies (lol).

Many sailing stories, boating tips and racing protests were discussed, but not all were resolved. It was great to see everyone to catch up on current events and family news face to face rather than just the occasional text.



Maggie Burri, Alan Weiss, and Norm Poulson



Dave Pirone and Ceil Hayes



Denise Pirone, Myron Dorf, Ed Poe, the Taylors, Siggie Dorf



RT Klamm (far right) and new members Alex. Sharon and Max Eller



Mark Walker, Kristin Mullins, Chris Adrienne, Annette and Mike Mullarky

Labor Day and the Long Cruise Wrap-up

Debbie Lund

Everyone says that August is too hot and it is so much nicer in September to cruise the Chesapeake Bay. That was not the case for the first week of September 2018. Labor Day weekend started with a thunderstorm on Friday night and we lost power. Our goal was to be on the boat Friday night so that we could get an early start on Saturday. We packed up the food using flashlights, and went to the boat where there were lights and air conditioning. Later that night the power was restored at home and we could turn off all the lights and TVs that were on when the power went out.



Saturday morning there was a nice breeze and the group headed to Waterhole Cove in Harris Creek off the Choptank River. Knapp's Narrows was dredged during the winter so everyone made it through with no problem—even the boats that drew 6 to 7 feet. I believe this was the largest turnout for a cruise this year. Chris Adriance and Kristin Mullins

on *Josephine* (seen on the left rafting up with *Blue Moon*) had never been so far south in the Bay. The rest of the group consisted of Rich and Toni Hughes on *Fantastic*, Dick and Dretta Peterson on *April Fool*, Norm and Chris Poulson on *Blue Moon*, Stu and Vicky Timerman on *Dark Star*, Mike and Annette Mullarky on *Eighth Deadly Sin*, Ed and Peggy Poe on *Ravenous*, David and Denise Boyer with their son Richard on *Tattoo*, and John and Debbie Lund on *Chapter Three*.

On Sunday, Chris and Kristen headed for Annapolis, and Mike and Laura Bonham on *Frequent Flyer* joined the group. Since we didn't have to go anywhere, we had a group brunch. There was plenty of good food and drink. The weather was getting hotter but it was still bearable. Kathy Polk and her son Andy and his family came



from Chesapeake Beach to deliver us some ice (in a power boat, left). It was much appreciated since the thermometer was climbing and there were no services in Waterhole Cove. There were no jellyfish so we could go swimming. The Bay temperature was about 88 degrees.

On Monday, the cruising group which consisted of the Hughes, Poes, Bonhams, Lunds, Poulsons and Boyers headed for LaTrappe Creek. The air was light but it was a reach down the Choptank to LaTrappe Creek. We have a new spinnaker so we decided to fly it for a few miles. We had a few issues with the top down furler so the last part of the spinnaker did not roll on the cable. We had to bring it down by lowering the halyard! It was Labor Day so the spit at LaTrappe Creek was busy with people running their boats up on the beach and sitting in their boats or on the sand and partying. By about 6 PM, MRSA had the cove to ourselves.

On Tuesday, we had a short trip to Oxford. The heat index was climbing so it felt good moving but not in Towne Creek or on land. We tried to moor on the Strand but there wasn't much room because there are several moorings in the available space. Three boats went in Plaindealing Creek and three boats anchored in Towne Creek. Everyone went to the restaurant [Capsize](#) for dinner which was a welcome relief from the heat. Fred and Sue Betz and Kate and Jeff Fones came by land yacht to join us for dinner. It was great to see everyone. The only disappointment was that the ice cream shop is closed on Tuesday so there was no ice cream!

On Wednesday, the Poes, Bonhams and Poulsons went back home. The heat was taking its toll. The heat index was around 105 degrees. The Lunds, Hughes and Boyers headed for Hudson Creek on the Little Choptank. There were several eagles perched in the trees at the entrance of the creek.

The Hughes and Boyers went back to South River on Thursday, so the Lunds were the last boat standing. We decided to go to the Miles River Yacht Club and get a slip for the night. We would plug in and run the air conditioner! It was great. The Fones joined us for dinner at the Club.

The plan was to go to Shaw Bay on Friday and be there for the [Eastport Oyster Boys](#) concert but we had a water tank issue so we headed home. We were happy that we went home early because the weekend weather was terrible, rain and wind. Also, the temperature dropped by 30 degrees. By Sunday night, our dock was under water so it would have been impossible to unload the boat. The Poulsons went to Shaw Bay on Friday to help with the rowing regatta on Saturday. I don't know if the Eastport Oyster Boys had their concert. It is always fun to be on the boat and with great company but it was a little hot! As I write this article, there are some hurricanes in the Atlantic so who knows what the season will bring to the Chesapeake Bay.

Save the Date
Frostbite Cruise – Mill Creek
Saturday, October 27th
Sherry Sandridge

Our last cruise of the season will be at the Sandridge's home - 814 Mill Creek Road in Arnold. Everyone likes the food and the view at [The Point Crab House](#) at Ferry Point Marina but no one likes the long weekend wait time so MRSA cruisers are invited to gather at Homer & Sherry's house and enjoy take-out dinner from The Point.

Drinks & light hors d'oeuvres will be provided starting at 5:00 p.m. Beer, wine, and soft drinks will be provided. At 6:00, we will eat our take-out dinners from The Point.

Cruisers do not need to bring anything but you must:

- **No later than 7:00PM on Thursday, the 24th**, select your entry & sides from the [menu](#) below and email your choices to Homer & Sherry at sherrysand@hotmail.com.
- **Bring a check payable to MRSA.** Determine the cost of your selections from the menu and add 6% for tax, and \$5 per person for drinks and light appetizers.

Parking can be difficult on Mill Creek Road:

- 4 or 5 cars can fit in our driveway if you are careful
- 2 small cars can fit along the fence in front of our house

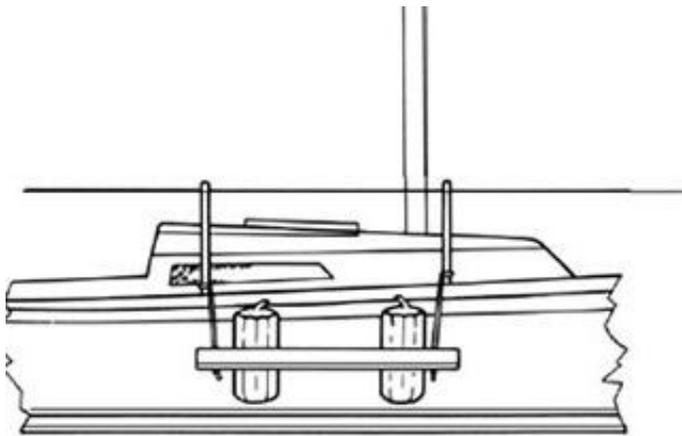
- It's also legal to park along Mill Creek Road past our house so long as you do not block a driveway. Please honor the no parking signs prior to our house.

If you are coming by boat, there is typically room for at least 2 boats to anchor in Mill Creek between our house and Ferry Point marina. Another option is to tie up to the pilings outside of our Beneteau.

If you have any questions, please call Sherry or Homer at 301-461-3753 or 443-831-0564.

<http://www.thepointcrabhouse.com/house-favorites/>

Tips and Tricks



Since we're still in hurricane season, this month's tips and tricks focus on ways to make your boat more secure.

We first saw **fender boards** used when we chartered in the Bahamas. They are a simple and economical way to improve the efficacy of your fenders by doubling or quadrupling the area the fenders protect, and are simple to build from

leftover treated lumber from a home project.

Just take a 2 X 4 or 2 X 6 about 3 to 4 feet in length, drill holes on either end to pass through a rope, and suspend the board in front of the bumpers.

Cockpit scuppers can fail from a simple bottle cap that escaped, went rogue, and found its way down your scupper. Inspect your scuppers periodically and keep an extendible wand with a magnet on it nearby to retrieve that obstructive nuisance.



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