



The Old Man

The Monthly Newsletter of the Magothy River Sailing Association

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Commodore's Comments

Capricious has been winterized! No more racing this year for her. But there are still more races on the Magothy and on the Bay for those of you who love October racing.

The Hallie Rice Fall Series has begun and continues until the end of October. What a great way to spend a fall Sunday. Get your weekend chores and soccer games out of the way on Saturday, and then hop on the boat for a nice day on the water.



Waiting for the wind to fill in at the first rounding on the Race to Rock Hall.

Speaking of racing, Ed and I were on the Race Committee for the PSA Race to Rock Hall on Saturday. On a no wind, cloudy Saturday, there were forty-six boats registered to race. Forty-three crossed the starting line. For the race committee, it was anything but an easy process. We had a postponement because there was no wind. The shotgun jammed. And then, we changed the order of the start. But it was all in a day's work. I am sure that they had a wonderful time once they reached Rock Hall, because sailors always enjoy a good party!

A cruising party is coming up in October. Known as the Frostbite Cruise, the cruisers will “cruise” to the Sandridge home for a final get-together of the cruising year. This event is a little bit out of the ordinary for the cruisers. There are lots of complex instructions on how to order dinner. We will see how intelligent the party-goers are. Knowing cruisers, they will not starve! Hope to see everyone at the Frostbite Cruise.

Happy October!

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2017-18 Commodore, Magothy River Sailing Association

Racing Corner

Trophy Party

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The MRSA annual Trophy Party happened on Wednesday October 10th at Potapskut Sailing Association (PSA). It was an absolutely beautiful evening with a nice breeze off the water, keeping the party goers cool and the bugs away. In fact, the breeze actually kept the trophies away. WHAT? This was a Trophy Party without trophies. But the party goers didn't seem to be phased. Subs, wraps, hors d'oeuvres, cookies, cakes, pies, and a bottomless keg kept the party going, and all the racers were happy and well fed.



Out-going Race Committee Chair Jim Gary announced the Wednesday Night Series winners to the cheers of the happy partiers. It was a successful party to wrap up a good 2018 season.



Thanks to all who made the racing program successful including Rear Commodore Dave Prucnal, Race Committee Chairmen Jim Gary and Jon Anthony, Race Marks chairman Tom Price, Scorer Mike Mullarky, Race Gear Chairman Mark Walker, and Protest Committee Chairman David Clinin. Without these folks, the racing program would not happen.



Membership

October Membership Meeting at Ledo's

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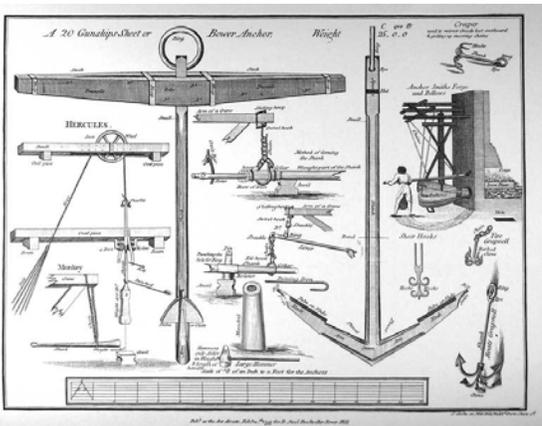
On Thursday October 4th, there was plenty of pasta, salad, and pizza at Ledo's Pizza for the MRSA Membership Meeting. The audience had dinner as Bob Stevenson, Baltimore native, longtime sailor, and member of the Chesapeake Chapter of the U.S. Lighthouse Society, regaled MRSA members about the Chesapeake Lighthouses. We learned that the Chesapeake is the only place in the U.S. where all five types of lighthouses exist. The audience enjoyed photos of their favorite lighthouses as well as stories about past lighthouse keepers. And we heard about the challenges facing the new owners of the Chesapeake lighthouses. Thanks to Wally and Jean Gribbin for hosting this annual MRSA event.



Tips and Tricks

This month's Tips and Tricks are brought to you by Norm Poulson, who races on Vagabond, and cruises on Blue Moon. Norm shares some of his favorite products, so here comes the disclaimer: this doesn't imply an endorsement of any of them; it's just informational! Enjoy. And don't forget—contributions are welcome from one and all!

- For fixed portlights that leak a little, I have used **Captain Tolley's Creeping Crack Cure** very successfully. It has the same viscosity as water, so if water will get in, it will, too. It is great for carefully going around the seals on the outside of the portlights. If some disappears, you know that water is getting in there! Several applications 30 minutes apart can seal those pesky little leaking seams.
- **MarineBeam LEDs:** I have installed their running lights; they're very bright, submersible, and Coast Guard certified. I also have used about 12 of their LEDs for interior lights. They have very low current drain (like all LEDs). Some I have purchased turn on red at first; turning them off and on again results in a much brighter white light. Great for night use in the head, main cabin, and over the icebox. Importantly, all of their LEDs produce no RF interference to muck up your VHF transmission and reception.
- **Mantus anchors:** In over 50 years of sailing, including one year living aboard and anchoring nearly every night, the Mantus anchor I purchased two years ago is absolutely the best anchor I have ever used (which includes Danforth, Delta, CQR, Fortress, and Bruce). It always sets on the first try, resets instantly with wind shifts, is good in grass and weeds, and so far has never dragged, even in some very windy conditions. It has virtually removed all anxiety about spending the night at anchor!



<http://www.hnsa.org/resources/manuals-documents/age-of-sail/the-elements-and-practice-of-rigging-and-seamanship/anchor-making-vol-i/>

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