



The Old Man

The Monthly Newsletter of the Magothy River Sailing Association

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Commodore's Comments

Even though it is still warm (91 degrees as I write this), there is definitely a feeling of change in the air. The year is cycling through in a familiar and comfortable rhythm. We've recently had days of beautiful sailing weather, with pleasant temperatures and enough wind to move **Blue Moon** in a way that felt satisfying instead of frustrating. So far, the hurricanes have missed us. Ads for the boat shows are appearing, and so (of course) has the end of summer request to make my haul-out reservation at Oak Harbor. But it seems too soon to think of that. I want at least a couple more weekends of anchoring in a secluded creek, lulled to sleep by the small motions of the boat, watching the mist rise off the water as I drink my morning coffee.



But all is not over yet; there are still more races scheduled, and more cruises to come.

The Wednesday evening race series will conclude on September 25th, with the **Trophy Party** to take place on **Wednesday October 16** at 6:00 PM at [Potapskut Sailing Association](#). The final highlight of the racing season, the Hallie Rice Fall Series, will have

two or more races a day planned on three Sundays: September 29, October 13, and October 27. We hope for a good turnout; winds are usually plentiful, it is not too cold yet, and the competition can be great!

There are still a couple of cruises for the hardier among us: on October 5-6 to Rideout Creek off of Whitehall Bay (a cruise leader is still needed for this cruise as I write this), and the Frostbite Cruise to Mill Creek on October 26-27, led by Homer and Sherry Sandridge.

As the sailing season slowly winds down, the social season will begin!



October 3 is the Membership meeting at Ledo's Pizza in Severna Park at 6:30. The speaker will be Scott Berg from the [Chesapeake Area Professional Captains Association](#), who will talk about what it takes to be a professional captain.

Following that on December 5 is the Wine and Cheese/Elections party at the Belvedere Yacht Club (request from me – we still need members for the nominating committee), and nine days later on December 14 is the annual Party of Lights party at the Annapolis Waterfront Hotel (formerly known as the Marriott).

See you on the water for a while longer!

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2018-19 Commodore, Magothy River Sailing Association

Safety First

Thanks to Jon Mullarkey for sharing the recommendations from the Coast Guard's recent [Marine Information Bulletin 008-19](#), issued following the tragic loss of life aboard the dive boat **Conception**. These are always worth repeating, especially the section about lithium batteries:

- Review the routes and conditions listed on the vessel's Certificate of Inspection (COI) including the number of passengers and overnight passengers permitted. Ensure crewmembers are aware of and clearly understand their obligations including any additional requirements detailed on the COI.

- Review emergency duties and responsibilities with the crew and any other crewmember in a safety sensitive position to ensure they comprehend and can comply with their obligations in an emergency to include the passenger safety orientation. Ensure emergency escapes are clearly identified, functional, and remain clear of objects that may impede egress.
- Review the vessel log book and ensure records of crew training, emergency drills, and equipment maintenance are logged and current. Additionally, it is recommended that the master complete log entries to demonstrate to the Coast Guard that the vessel is operating in compliance with routes and conditions found on the COI.
- Ensure all required firefighting and lifesaving equipment is onboard and operational.
- Reduce potential fire hazards and consider limiting the unsupervised charging of lithium-ion batteries and extensive use of power strips and extension cords.
- Review the overall condition of the passenger accommodation spaces and any other space that is readily available to passengers during the voyage for unsafe practices or other hazardous arrangements.

Racing Corner



Beautifully arranged race committee gear is a joy to behold! Heartfelt thanks go out to Jon Anthony, Ed Tracey, and Chris Adriance for all the work they've done this year. ***Endless Summer's*** crew was race committee for the first race of the Hallie Rice Series; it was made so much easier with all of the prep Jon, Ed, and Chris did!

Cruising Corner

Frostbite Cruise *Homer and Sherry Sandridge*

Our last cruise of the season will be at the Sandridges' home - 814 Mill Creek Road in Arnold.



Drinks provided starting at 5:00 p.m. Beer, wine, and soft drinks will be provided. At 6:00, we will eat dinner. Dinner will include a choice of salads and several Italian entrees from Café Mezzanotte.

Cruisers do not need to bring anything but must email or text Sherry & Homer to confirm that you will attend no later than 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 22nd.

The cost is \$25 per person (with a 10% discount if you come by boat). Bring cash or a check payable to Sherry Sandridge.

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.

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