



# *The Old Man*

*The Monthly Newsletter of the Magothy River Sailing Association*

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## *Commodore's Comments*



A couple of weeks ago, I took part in one of the annual rites of Fall – I went to the Sailboat Show. I hate to admit that I think this was my 42nd time, since I still get excited as I walk down Main Street and look at the tents, flags and banners in the harbor. It almost looks like a medieval festival come to Annapolis. And in a way, it is medieval – 1000 years ago people were sailing. They certainly were not driving cars, running powerboats, taking trains, or flying (at least not intentionally). So why has sailing, this slow and impractical mode of transportation, stayed so popular?



I ponder that as I winch up my 90 pound mainsail. Why not get a powerboat? Just get in, turn the key, push that lever forward, and get to where you want to go quickly, stay dry, sit in comfort, and not be so subject to the vagaries of nature. Going to St. Michaels from our dock would take just under 2 hours, not 5 (or 6, or 7, or 8 if my patience with the lack of wind holds out). But then I think of the wonderful feeling of being on a close reach in 14 knots of wind, with the boat steering herself, slicing through the water in a way that is almost sensuous. Sigh... I guess I'll be sailing a little bit longer.

This year's sailing season also has just a little bit longer to go. Racing is pretty much over, but there is still the Frostbite Cruise on October 26-27

(probably completed by the time you read this). And for me, there is one additional cruise, the aptly named Welldigger's Cruise (from the saying "Cold as a Weddigger's a— at 40 feet") that has now taken place 32 times in November and once in December (never again!), ending sadly with a haul-out at Oak Harbor.

So, now that the sailing season is coming to an end, there isn't much else to do with MRSA, right? Well, not quite, since we need to complete one more important task – select the club officers for next year. This is a chance for all those who participate in the club's activities to give back a little. There are a number of critical positions open (rest assured you will get emails about them), and I want to encourage members who have not taken part in running the club to consider taking one of them. You would get a lot of assistance from the previous officers, and find in fact that it is not too difficult or time consuming, and can be both rewarding and fun. See you on the water one last time!

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**Norm Poulsen**

*2018-19 Commodore, Magothy River Sailing Association*

## ***New Members***

The Board voted on new members at the BOG meeting in September. Angela Cremeans and Larry Turner are the newest members of MRSA. Friends of our Commodore Norm Poulsen and Mrs. Commodore Chris, Angela and Larry live in Pasadena, and sail a Beneteau 33'10" named ***Coquille***.

We met Larry and Angela at the August picnic at Milburn Community Park. Make sure you welcome them when you see them out on the water.

## *Racing Corner*



We all love trophies, right? This year's Trophy Party took place on a blustery night at the Patapskot Sailing Association. We all enjoyed beer, wine, subs, and those marvelous chocolate chip cookies made by Mike Mullarkey. In a welcome departure, the trophies were engraved insulated mugs—perfect for those fall sails!

## *Cruising Corner*

### **Church Creek Cruise and Brunch**



The September cruise to the South River and Church Creek was a fine fall weekend.

**Chapter Two** with John and Debbie Lund arrived in Church Creek in plenty of time for the happy hour at the Wilelinor Community beach house. Rich and Toni arrived at the beach to start the happy hour. People continued to arrive by land transportation to include Mike and Laura

Bonham, Ed and Peggy Poe, and Dave and Deni Boyer. Community friends Bob and Carolyn Troise, Frank and Sharon Synoweic, and Steve Riker also joined the socializing.





Sunday morning was a beautiful morning for a brunch. For the first time, we were able to eat outside on the deck. The Lunds were the first to arrive for the omelet brunch. They were soon joined by several members that arrived by land yacht: Dave Gendell, Dave and Deni Boyer, Fred and Sue Betz, and Chris Adriance and Kristin Mullins, and Homer and Sheri Sandridge. Neighbor John Becker also joined the group to partake

in the feast. The table was laden with fruits and sweets to compliment the eggs. A fantastic start to a September morning!

### **SAVE THE DATE: 2019 Parade of Lights**



The Magothy River Sailing Association Parade of Lights Party is one of the club's best events. Join us in viewing the Eastport Yacht Club's Parade of Lights on Saturday,

December 14th at the Annapolis Waterfront Hotel. This year we are "upping our game" by reserving a balcony room. Watch the website for the room number or check at the front desk when you arrive.

The parade begins at 1800 hours and will continue until 2000 hours. You are welcome to join us any time after 1700 hours. Plan to bring an appetizer or

dessert to share. We will have a large pot of chili to warm you as well as drinks. (soda, beer, warm cider). Parking for this event is always difficult so plan your arrival accordingly. See you at the party!!!

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