



The Old Man

The Monthly Newsletter of the Magothy River Sailing Association

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Blue Moon was hauled last week, and I was reminded once again that no antifouling paint I've used works well in the Severn River (and I've used lots of different brands and types, including one "Eco" brand that was a complete disaster.) After an hour of power-washing, the bottom does look nice and smooth now.



Our last "sail" aboard her was a 4 hour bash under power into 3 foot head seas, culminating in having my nearly new (and I thought bulletproof) diesel quit ¼ mile from Oak Harbor Marina. Somehow fuel was not getting to the Racor filter, which was empty. Filling it from a little jug of diesel fuel I carry and

bleeding the engine enabled us to get to the marina and tie up, and now I have all winter to hopefully diagnose the problem.

So sailing is pretty much over for the season, unless you're lucky enough to be chartering in the BVI or other destinations south of us, or if you for some reason subject yourself to frostbiting. MRSA activities will continue, however, with two of the most popular events coming up soon.

The first, on December 5th, will be the annual **Wine and Cheese/Elections party**. Yes, wine and cheese are very important, but in this case, I think the election part wins out. One of my concerns as Commodore has been that organizations have life cycles, and for several years MRSA has been a bit stuck in late middle age (I'm being generous here).

The new members joined because of interest in Junior Training for their kids and grandkids. They joined because they moved into our area, and they joined to be a part of the Wednesday night racing fleet. Some have just purchased new boats and wanted to take part in the MRSA cruises.

The great news is that they are already active in MRSA. One of our new members will be next year's Commodore, and another will be our Board secretary. That is jumping in with both feet, and being actively involved!

So, once again, welcome to this year's new members.

- Jeff and Sandy Thompson
- Patrick and Denise Hannigan
- Jon Anthony
- David and Shari Argue
- Genie and John Robertson
- Pam and Heath Berlin
- Noel and Kris Davis
- Danielle and Lance Bowen
- Dewey and Angela Ward
- Danny Niyomsub
- Angela Cremeans and Larry Turner

Cruising Corner

Wine, Cheese and Elections ***Mike Mullarky***



While many of the tropical destinations that sailors dream about visiting have Ley Seca* regulations, MRSA has an entirely different custom. We gather on a Thursday evening in early December to share stories of the sailing season, food, drink and elect our Officers for the next year.

Election day for 2019 is **December 5th**, and your assigned polling location is the Belvedere Yacht Club (419 Alameda Parkway, Arnold).

The bar, stocked with wine, beer and non-alcoholic drinks by the Election Commission, will open promptly at 6PM, with the polls to open sometime around 7.

Although Poll Taxes are outlawed, everyone is asked to bring an hors d'oeuvres or other dish to share. Attendance is not mandatory, but being present to politely decline nominations from the floor is generally recommended.

* From www.tripsavvy.com:

The Ley Seca (literally “Dry Law” in Spanish) refers to the banning of the sale of alcohol for at least 24 hours (and sometimes more) before elections and throughout the day on election day in Mexico and some other Latin American countries. The purpose of the law is to avoid public displays of intoxication, maintain public order, and to ensure that the elections are held with the maximum degree of decorum and level-headedness, allowing citizens to exercise their vote in a calm and orderly manner.

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