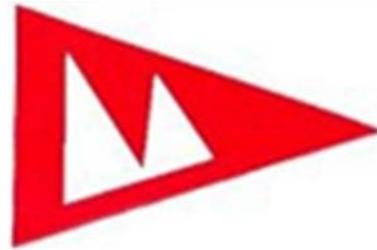


The Old Man

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The Monthly Newsletter of the Magothy River Sailing Association

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Commodore's Comments



It is a proven fact in Quantum Mechanics that time passes more quickly as you get older. It certainly seems that way to me, as I think back to writing my first Commodore's Letter for the ***Old Man***, apparently only a few weeks ago.

But if I remember back and break the past year down into events that took place (please no, I am NOT talking about politics), the year begins to expand a bit and I get the sense that some significant amount of time really did pass.

MRSA members enjoyed a good number of social activities, went on a variety of interesting cruises, attended a comprehensive racing seminar (my wife still wonders how I could sit through six hours of talks on starting tactics and windward work), and attempted to race in a year marked by numerous 1815 thunderstorms.

Blue Moon now sits forlornly in the Oak Harbor boatyard, feeling cold and dead inside. But the winter solstice has passed, the days are getting longer, and planning for next year's MRSA season is about to begin. I'll be a part of that, but in the best position possible, that of Past Commodore. No duties, no responsibilities, no worries! I do feel very comfortable turning over the running of the association to the new Board of Governors, but I am also experiencing a bit of wistfulness that my year as Commodore is now over. But just a bit. A tiny bit.

I want to congratulate **Jeff Thompson** on his new position as Commodore and know that he will do a great job, as will the rest of the Board. It will be very interesting to see what is planned for the year ahead and I anticipate lots of wonderful activities and cruises.

For now, I look forward to the day that **Blue Moon** will be lowered gently into the water, and we head out of Rock Creek into that true sailing paradise, Chesapeake Bay. If the diesel is running by then...

See you on the water!

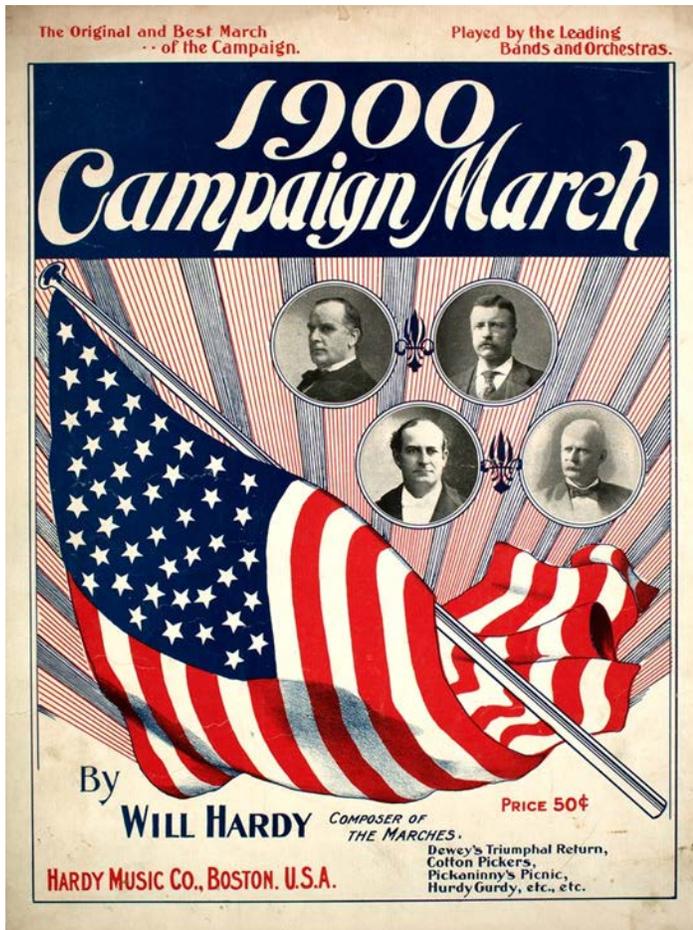
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Norm Poulsen
2018-19 Commodore, Magothy River Sailing Association

Welcome to the New Board!

December Wine, Cheese and Elections

Mike Mullarky



Our country's Founding Fathers set up an election process that has given us endless campaigning, sharply divided political groups, "Dewey Defeats Truman," street money, televised debates that pre-empt reruns of our favorite shows, hanging chads and Russian meddling.

The MRSA election process gives us tasty food and an open bar ... maybe we're on to something here.

The slate of candidates presented by the Nominating Committee was accepted and, in the usual fashion, unanimously elected. Serving in 2020 are:

Commodore	Jeff Thompson
Rear Commodore	Mike Mullarky
Secretary	Larry Turner
Treasurer	Kristin Mullins
Fleet Captain(s) Cruising	Debbie & John Lund
Fleet Captain Junior Training	Evan Clayton
Race Committee Chairperson	Chris Adriance
Fleetmaster	Rich Hughes

Thanks to 2019 Commodore Norm Poulsen for officiating and to his entire Board for their leadership over the last 12 months.

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