



# *The Old Man*

*The Monthly Newsletter of the Magothy River Sailing Association*

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## ***Commodore's Comments***

If you read the January edition of the ***Old Man*** you already know a bit about me. If you haven't, no worries. This month with all of the planning going on I have been thinking of how we can sustain and grow the MRSA membership. Where I believe one of our challenges lies is with as Joe Pesci said in [\*My Cousin Vinny\*](#), "the youts."

Vincent (Vinny) Gambini, played by Joe Pesci, is speaking with Judge Chamberlain Haller played by Fred Gwynne. Their exchange goes like this:

Vinny: Is it possible that the two youts--

Judge Haller: Uh, the two what? Uh, uh, what was that word?

Vinny: Uh, what word?

Judge Haller: Two what?

Vinny: What?

Judge Haller: Did you say "yutes"?

Vinny: Yeah, two youts.

Judge Haller: What is a yute?

Vinny: Oh, excuse me, Your Honor, two youths.

If you've not seen *My Cousin Vinny*, we can still be friends although you will need to add it to your watchlist. The point of this is simple: we need to inspire, engage, and excite today's "youts" about sailing, or it will be more difficult to get them interested in becoming sailors, cruisers, racers, or members. We are in a daily battle with technology and the cell phone is our stiffest competitor.

Our web presence is currently on two fronts, the public facing [website](#) and on [Facebook](#). My first approach to embracing technology and expanding our social media footprint is to start a YouTube channel entitled *MagothySailingMatters*. This channel will be used to promote the Club, its members, sailing on the Magothy River and on the Chesapeake Bay.

Secondly, I will be hosting the first “Day of Sailing” on June 6, 2020. More details will follow, but the goal of the “Day of Sailing” is to allow anyone with an interest in sailing to come out and enjoy some time on the water on one of our Member’s boats and get plugged in. This is a precursor to the 20th Annual [International Summer Sailstice](#) on June 20, 2020, which has a similar approach but on a much larger scale.

Lastly, I have asked our Webmaster to update our website to make it more inviting for prospective new members and to give it a more modern, refined appearance.

I hope to see everyone on March 22nd for the MRSA Spring Brunch, hosted at the Annapolis Yacht Club.

Jeff

**Jeff Thompson**

***2020 Commodore, Magothy River Sailing Association***



## Racing Corner

### Race Planning Party

*Mike Mullarky- Rear Commodore*

*Chris Adriance- Race Committee Chair*



On Wednesday, February 19, the pre-season race meeting was held at the Ledo's in Severna Park. There was good attendance and a lively discussion about the coming Wednesday night race season.

Topics discussed included the new cancelation system, changes to the fleet breakdowns, and the ever evolving race scoring/rating topic.

One of the more important topics discussed was recruitment and the ever shrinking racing fleet on the Magothy. The entire race fleet is encouraged to do their best to get new sailors on the water. Whether it means



bringing a new face on as crew for a Wednesday night, or sacrificing some seasoned crew to go help get a new boat to the starting line, we need to show potential new sailors the barriers to entry are minimal.



Racers are encouraged to put a little note in their community newsletters or Facebook groups if they're willing to do so (see the next article for some help in composing the note). Some casual encouragement while at the marina doing spring projects is also helpful. Together we can get back to the days of a 70 boat fleet on a Wednesday night.

Race documents are in their final stages of edit and will be found in this year's 2020 **Redbook**. As was last year's goal, 3 raft-ups are planned for some post-race camaraderie. Here's hoping the weather cooperates.

### **We Need Your Help!**

As many of you long-time racers have noticed, the size of the Wednesday night fleet is shrinking. We need new blood, and the best way to get that is to introduce more people to the joys of racing. We've made it easy for you to help! Just share the following with your neighborhood newsletter/listserv/or any other communication channel you use:

*Sail free all summer long! Join us Wednesday evenings to race sailboats on the Magothy River. All skill levels are invited and encouraged. All you need is a desire to learn (and maybe to win!). If you want to take advantage of our greatest natural resource, the Chesapeake Bay, in a new way, e-mail me @[insert e-mail].*



## CRUISING CORNER

### Winter Planning Party

*Debbie Lund*

Thirty people braved the cold to attend the MRSA 2020 Winter Planning Party at Belvedere Yacht Club on Saturday, February 15th. The purpose of the meeting was to reveal the cruising schedule for the upcoming season and to get volunteers to lead the various cruises.

There are 12 cruises scheduled for 2020, plus the June and August picnics. We are planning a new event this season, a "Day of Sail." The idea behind the Day is to take people out on boats who are interested in sailing and don't have a boat to sail. Watch for more information regarding this Day as the date gets closer.



Jean and Wally Gribbin brought Mark and Lindsay Abruzzo, Kevin and Meagan Russo and Kelly and Joe Gargagliano who are new members. It is great to meet new people.

There are 4 cruises that still need cruise leaders:

- May 9-10 Mother's Day Cruise to Annapolis
- May 23-25 Memorial Day Cruise to Granary Creek/Wye River
- September 26-27 Langford Creek/Chester River
- October 17-18 Rideout Creek/Whitehall Creek

If you weren't at the party, and want to lead a cruise, please email me at [dlund210@gmail.com](mailto:dlund210@gmail.com).

## **2020 Cruise Schedule**

May 2- Sock-burning Cruise at Broad Creek: Chris Adriance/Kristin Mullins

May 9-10- Mother's Day Cruise to Annapolis: **Need Cruise Leader**

May 23-25 - Memorial Day, Granary Creek in Wye River: **Need Cruise Leader**

June 6- Day of Sailing: Jeff Thompson

June 13- MRSA Picnic at the Poulsen's on the Severn River: Chris and Norm Poulsen

July 4th Cruise- July 3rd and 4th Northpoint/Rock Hall: Rich and Toni Hughes

July 18-19- Marina Cruise: Chris Adriance/Kristin Mullins

August 8- Picnic at Milburn: Dave Pirone/Bill Taylor

August 22- Dog Day Afternoon: Chris and Norm Poulsen

September 5-7 Labor Day Cruise- Choptank River: Angela Cremeans/ Larry Turner

Sept 5-13 Long Cruise- TBD: Debbie and John Lund

September 12-13 Brunch Cruise, Church Creek, South River: Rich and Toni Hughes

September 26-27 Langford Creek/Chester River: **Need Cruise Leader**

October 17-18 Rideout Creek: **Need Cruise Leader**

October 31-November 1- Frostbite Cruise: Peggy and Ed Poe

## March Brunch

*Peggy Poe*

The MRSA Spring Brunch will be held on March 22nd at the [Annapolis Yacht Club](#). Meet us for a delicious brunch, an interesting speaker, an amazing view of boats of every description, and a bird's-eye view of the Annapolis harbor. The Spring Brunch is the place to be in March. Come and meet the new officers of MRSA.



If you have been wondering how the Annapolis Yacht Club has designed their beautiful new building after the fire five years ago, this is your opportunity to visit and check it out in person.



Our speaker is Matthew Felperin, a photographer at Nova Parks based in Arlington, VA. Matthew's talk on the Birds of the Chesapeake will turn us into avid bird watchers.

The Brunch starts at 11:00 a.m. and lasts until about 2:00. The cost will be \$35.00. There will be an open bar for those who would like something

stronger than coffee and tea (credit card only). Parking is available across the bridge, next door to the AYC Activity Center. This lot is for the Homes for America Office Building and can be used on Sunday for AYC.

There is also a parking lot next door to AYC on Compromise Street. The cost for that lot is \$10.00. Parking on the street is also a possibility. There is no parking available at AYC for non-AYC members.



Please email Ed and Peggy Poe by March 15th at mpoe1@comcast.net by March 15th if you will be joining us for the brunch

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

MRSA has found the best new member recruiters! Wally and Jean Gribbin must go door to door in their Ulmstead neighborhood and invite neighbors to come to a great party and a super sailing association. Way to go, Wally and Jean!

The Gribbins brought their neighbors to our recent Winter Planning party at Belvedere Yacht Club. We were happy to meet Kevin and Meagan Russo, Joe Gargagliano and Mark Abruzzo.

The Board has voted on applications for all three of these families. All have kids who are interested in attending the MRSA Junior Training program in July. Joe Gargagliano is a graduate of the program himself. Welcome to MRSA to these three families, and thanks to Wally and Jean.

*Peggy Poe, Membership Chair*

## TIPS AND TRICKS: Refrigeration



You can spend a lot of money building a 12 volt refrigeration system and the electrical charging system to support it, either solar, wind, or generator, but the average Bay sailor does a long weekend at best and is usually near a marina.

Block ice is key to longevity and versatility. Make block ice at home by taking used 2 liter soda bottles, and cutting off the tapered portion. They will last longer in today's "super coolers" which "yet" I will not mention due to brand promotion issues! Most are fine and will last a good 4 days.



Fill your super cooler only with back up ice. Worse comes to worst you buy a block of ice to carry you over. Also any ice chests exposed to the sun should be covered with a light covered vinyl sheet. On a hot summer day you will be one cool dude on the hook or under way. *Alan Weiss, Endless Summer*

## FACEBOOK

*You have heard a lot about our Facebook effort but have you done your part? Please take a moment today and go to [facebook.com/magothysailing](https://facebook.com/magothysailing) and “like” **each article and each photo**. You could click the link right now and then come back to the riveting articles in the Old Man! Put it on your calendar to do all the time! Help us spread the word about MRSA to attract new members!*



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*Please do your part to restore the Bay and actively make it cleaner.*

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