



# THE OLD MAN

## PARADE OF LIGHTED BOATS

The Annapolis Parade of Lighted Boats is Saturday, December 8th this year. MRSA will have a room at the Annapolis Marriott Waterfront so that our members and guests can warm-up and socialize before, during and after the parade. We'll be in room 511, which won't have a water view, but will have hot drinks and leftover wine from the December meeting. We'll also have some snacks, but feel free to bring some to share.

*Mike Mullarky*

## DECEMBER MEETING

The annual December Wine and Cheese party/meeting will be held at the Belvedere Yacht Club on Thursday, December 6th at 1830 hr. Everyone is asked to bring a bottle of wine and an hors d'oeuvre or dessert to share.

A short meeting will be held to conduct some necessary club business (including electing officers for 2002), but most of the evening is reserved for socializing with fellow members (and perhaps some prospective members—hint, hint).

*Mike Mullarky*

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## ELECTIONS FOR THE YEAR 2002 MRSA BOARD OF GOVERNORS

The election of a new Board of Governors for the MRSA will be held at the December General Meeting at Belvedere Yacht Club, Thursday, December 6th, as announced above.

The Nominating Committee, consisting of Past Commodore **Fred Betz**, Commodore **Debbie Lund**, Fleet Captain Cruising **Sheryl Mcnair** and Past Commodore **Les Toeplitz**, presented a slate of candidates, which were approved by the current Board of Governors, for next year's MRSA Board of Governors. The positions and names of the candidates are:

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<b>Secretary</b> .....	<b>JoAnn Best</b>
<b>Treasurer</b> .....	<b>Jim McCutchan</b>
<b>Fleet Captains Cruising</b> ...	<b>Myron and Sigrid Dorf</b>
<b>Fleet Captains Jr. Training</b>	<b>Dave Blanch and Susan Kirkendall</b>
<b>Race Committee Chair</b> ...	<b>Fred Dreyer</b>

Solicitations for candidates for any and all offices will be accepted from the floor. And please plan to attend the December Meeting and welcome and thank the newly elected Officers of your MRSA.

*...Fred Betz*



## **2001 OFFICERS OF THE MAGOTHY RIVER SAILING ASSOCIATION**

- Commodore:** Debra Lund, 544-2551  
**Vice Commodore:** Mike Mullarky, 439-1556  
**Rear Commodore:** Tom DeMunda, 410-626-8271  
**Fleet Captain Cruising:** Bill Webster, 410-604-0063  
**Fleet Captain Junior Training:** Sheryl McNair, 437-8998  
**Treasurer:** Phil Haskell, 301-490-9762  
**Secretary:** Marianne Kammann, 647-4332  
**Race Committee:** Bruce Mitchell, 410-757-4425  
**Protest Chairman:** Les Toeplitz, 360-2491  
**Race Gear Chairman:** John Hurt, 437-6168  
**Race Marks Chairman:** Roger Bartholomee, 255-7330  
**Scorer and Hotline:** Annette Mullarky, 439-1556  
**Membership Chair:** Ed Poe, 296-6428 (H), 539-3400 (W). Assistant Chair: Peggy Poe.  
**Immediate Past Commodore:** Fred Betz, 647-3824  
**Ship's Store:** Joann Trepp, 647-3742.  
**Old Man Editor:** Fred Betz, 647-3824, Assisting: Carolyn Stamps, 437-5337  
**Web Master:** Stu Timerman, 647-0498)  
**Fleetmaster:** John Aellen, 647-7782

**Website:** <http://mrsa.sailnet.com>  
 MRSA is a member of CBYRA, CBYCA, and Boat/US (Member #GA 80366 S).

## **COMMODORE'S COMMENTS**

HAPPY HOLIDAYS! It is hard to believe that it has been a year since I was elected to be commodore of MRSA. It has been a great year. There were approximately 30 river races, 15 cruises and many social events in 2001.

I want to thank the current BOG members for their many hours of service to MRSA. Many of the people have served for at least two years and will be rotating off the BOG.

Sheryl McNair has done a fantastic job as Fleet Captain Junior Training. She has held this position for three years. During her tenure, the junior training program moved from Treetops to the Grachur Club.

Phil Haskell has been treasurer for approximately three years. He organized the accounts and made all the officers submit the correct paper work.

Marianne Kammann has been the secretary for two years. She has taken the minutes of every BOG meeting during that time. For the first year, she hosted every BOG meeting.

Bill Webster, Fleet Captain Cruising, has made sure that every cruise leader wrote the articles for the Old Man and has kept great records of the cruises.

Tom DeMunda, Rear Commodore, and Bruce Mitchell, Race Committee Chairman, have done a great job with the Wednesday night races and the Bay Races.

Stu Timerman will also be leaving his job as Web Master. Stu has worked countless number of hours on the Web site and the e-mail system. Thanks, Stu.

After reading this article, you are probably wondering who is left on the BOG. Mike Mullarky will be the new Commodore. He has many years experience on the BOG-Race Committee Chairman, Rear Commodore and Vice Commodore. I will still be on the BOG as Past Commodore.

There is a great slate of officers nominated for the 2002 BOG. Please come to the membership meeting on December 6<sup>th</sup>, to elect the BOG.

December is also the Parade of Lights in Annapolis. Again, MRSA will have a room at the Marriott.

Please have a safe and happy holiday season.

*Debbie Lund*

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## **NEW MEMBERS**

Dick and Dretta Peterson, Annapolis, MD, have a Pearson 33 named April Fool. They keep their boat at Oak Harbor, Rock Creek. They have been sailing since 1976 and are former members of the Columbia Corinthian, Maryland Yacht Club and Rock Creek Racing Association.

## CLASSIFIED ADS

Classified Ads, continued from previous column

**For sale:** Trinka 8' sailing dinghy, many extras, great condition, \$1895. Call Debbie or John Lund at 410-544-2551.

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**For rent:** *Here is an ad from the Seal's daughters, Barb and Heather, who own and rent out this townhouse:* New, Affordable 2 BR / 2.5 BA Townhome with Spectacular Views located in the heart of Summit County, Colorado. Do you like to ski, hike, bike, shop, read a book, hot tub and relax? Then this townhome is the PERFECT vacation getaway for you and your family. Close to Keystone, Breckenridge, Copper, Vail, and Beaver Creek Ski Resorts, you'll have unlimited skiing or mountain biking in the beautiful Rocky Mountains. Then come back and enjoy breathtaking views of Lake Dillon while in the 7-person hot tub on the HUGE private deck. Check us out by going to: [http://vrbo.com/\[no www\]](http://vrbo.com/[no www]), when you get to the website, look for the "Property Number" request in the upper left hand corner. Fill in 3697, and press "GO." You may email us at [bhaerbig@unipac.com](mailto:bhaerbig@unipac.com) or call 303-783-9786 for more information.

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**For Sale:** PC Port Expander. Uses your PC's USB port to create four additional USB ports, one additional serial and one additional parallel, [printer] port, and one additional keyboard or mouse port. Cost \$150.00, sell \$75.00. Call Dave or Laura: 410-375-5343

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**For Sale:** 1988 O'Day 35' sailboat, very clean, fully equipped for cruising, roller furling genoa, Universal diesel w/ 1000 hours. \$47,500. For more information, call Geoff at 410-255-0699

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## NOVEMBER MEETING

Our thanks go out to Lee Tawney for speaking at the November membership meeting. Lee is with Ocean Race Chesapeake, who are the people organizing the Baltimore and Annapolis stopover of the Volvo (formerly the Whitbread) Ocean Race. About 35 members attended the meeting at Deep Creek Restaurant and learned about the plans for next Spring.

The official race webpage is at [www.volvoceanrace.org](http://www.volvoceanrace.org), which has links to all of the stopover organizations under the Ports tab. Ocean Race Chesapeake is looking for volunteers to help with their activities; if you are interested give them a call at (410) 727-7223.

*Mike Mullarkey*

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## BY-LAW CHANGE APPROVED BY THE BOG

The Board of Governors is recommending only one By-law change this year. This is a change that was agreed to last year and confirmed by the current BOG, but slipped through in the process, and was not included in last year's changes. The change is intended to provide a greater voice on the BOG for the racing community, and to recognize the significant amount of work and budget responsibility held by the Race Committee Chair. The change would make the Race Committee Chair a voting member of the BOG.

Article III, Section 2, of the MRSA By-Laws states:

"The Board of Governors (BOG) will consist of the current Officers of the Association, the immediate Past Commodore and the Race Committee Chairman, who will be a non-voting member."

The proposed new wording deletes the words: "...who will be a non-voting member."

The new Article III, Section 2 will read:

"The Board of Governors (BOG) will consist of the current Officers of the Association, the immediate Past Commodore and the Race Committee Chairman."

In accordance with the By-Laws, a prior email provided notification of the proposed By-Law change to be presented at the General Membership Meeting on December 6<sup>th</sup> for a vote.

*Fred Betz*

## EDITOR'S CORNER

Years ago, a neighbor and New York Times photographer convinced me that photos are an important part of a newspaper.

The Old Man would be a much more boring newsletter without photos, and I'd like to continue in Beth Vanfossen's tradition of including as many photos of our members and their boats as I can. And it can be done with your help! Please take photos at any event you attend. Email them to me at febetz@toad.net if you can, mail 'em, pass them along or let me know, and I might be able to pick them up. Photos will be returned, if requested. For the coming months without sailing activity, please send me your favorite sailing photo, with a little caption. Can't promise to print them all, but I'll try to get them in sooner or later.

*Fred Betz*

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## TRANSITIONS

In addition to changes in the BOG, a few other jobs are changing hands. Commodore Lund mentioned that Stu Timmerman would be giving up the 'Webmaster' position that he created a few years ago. He has done the hard work in setting up the website, and a fine website it is! He is passing the task to Joanne Trepp, who will be learning, with the help of hubby Bill.

Joanne will be giving up the Ship's Store, where she has done a fine job of introducing new, classy merchandise. Anyone interested in volunteering to run the Ship's Store, please contact Joanne.

*Fred Betz*

## VOLVO OCEAN RACE TO VISIT THE CHESAPEAKE

The Volvo Ocean Race, (formerly the Whitbread Round the World Race) will visit the Chesapeake in late April 2002 in a repeat of the 1998 stopover. The finish line of the leg from Miami, Florida will be at Fort McHenry in Baltimore Harbor. The 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Baltimore Waterfront Festival will be held throughout the Inner Harbor in conjunction with the race. Before the restart of the race, the eight VO60 sailboats will parade to Annapolis City Dock, where the Annapolis Maritime Festival will be underway. That evening will also feature the Annapolis/Eastport Party. The two day festival celebrating the race will be held at Sandy Point Park, and provide an excellent view for the restart of the Volvo Ocean Race. Coinciding with the restart will be the Chesapeake Bay Bridge Walk, offering another excellent vantage point for the starting line, one nautical mile north of the Bridge.

The Volvo Ocean Race is the premier sailing event featuring the VO60 sailboat sponsored by syndicates from around the world. The Race will cover 32,500 nautical miles, make port in ten destinations and travel in four oceans over a period of nine months. The Chesapeake stopover will be the seventh and the boats will be in port between Baltimore and Annapolis for ten days. The Chesapeake stopover is hosted by Ocean Race Chesapeake, Inc., a non-profit corporation organized as a private and public sector partnership to make the arrangements. The organization was established in 1989 to produce the Columbus Cup and J Boat Regattas, and later to host the Whitbread stopover in the Chesapeake in 1998. Their website is [www.vorchesapeake.org](http://www.vorchesapeake.org). Additional information is available at [www.VolvoOceanRace.org](http://www.VolvoOceanRace.org).

Information concerning the seven Syndicates that have sponsored the eight VO60's which started the race on September 23, 2001 in Southampton, England, are as follows:

### Assa Abloy Racing Team

Assa Abloy (Sweden) is the world's leading lock manufacturer. Yale is one of it's brands and 100 companies world wide. SAS Cargo/Lufthansa Cargo is a corporate partner. Their boat's skipper is Roy Heiner from the Netherlands.

### Illbruck Challenge

Illbruck (Germany) manufacturers architectural surfaces, insulation systems, filtration systems, automotive and sanitary products. Gill is a corporate partner. Their skipper is John KostECKI from the United States.

### Djuice Dragons

Djuice Dragons or [djuice.com](http://djuice.com) is a Norwegian mobile Internet portal backed by Telnor Mobile Communications. Nera, Nutri Pharma, SAS Cargo, and Wallenius Wilhelmsen are corporate partners. The skipper is Knut Frosted from Norway.

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Tom DeMunda's "IMPULSE" moving right along with a nice 'chute!.

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**YEAR 2002  
COMMODORE'S BALL  
DATE IS SET FOR  
JANUARY 19<sup>TH</sup>.**

Before the Holiday's arrive, and we all get swept up in other events, find that year 2002 calendar that came in the mail and mark Saturday, January 19<sup>th</sup> in red ! That is the date of the MRSA Commodore's Ball, and everyone is invited!! The place once again is that perennial favorite, the Gibson Island Club. Look for invitations in the mail near year end and more the details forthcoming in the January Old Man.

*Fred Betz*



Thomas Point Lighthouse

**FROSTBITE SERIES RESULTS**

The Frostbite Series ended November 17<sup>th</sup>. A total of 13 boats entered in 2 classes. A total of 5 races were run over 3 weekends during the month of November. The following are provisional:

**SPINNAKER**

<i>Charlie</i> .....	<b>Mitchell</b>
<i>Encounter</i> .....	<b>Dowling</b>
<i>Incommunicado</i> .....	<b>Tracey</b>
<i>Boreas</i> .....	<b>Mullarky</b>
<i>Fantastic</i> .....	<b>Hughes</b>
<i>Karen Lee</i> .....	<b>Holzman</b>

**NON-SPINNAKER**

<i>Endless Summer</i> .....	<b>Weiss</b>
<i>Sails Call</i> .....	<b>Buetell</b>
<i>Great Escape</i> .....	<b>McCutchan</b>
<i>Seebar</i> .....	<b>Hubbs</b>
<i>Dharma Bum</i> .....	<b>Gallagher</b>

*Tom De Munda*

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**Nautor Group**

Nautor Group, (Europe) is the world renowned builder of Swan racer/cruisers. Amer Group, a world leader in sports equipment, supports the syndicate with such brand names as Wilson, Atomic and Suunto. The skippers are Grant Dalton from New Zealand for Nautor 1 and Lisa Charles from the United States for Nautor 2.

**Team News Corp**

News Corporation (Australia) is Ruppert Murdoch's holding company. It owns newspapers including the New York Post and London Times, as well as the Fox television network and movie studio. The skipper is Jez Fanstone from Britain.

**Team SEB**

SEB is Sweden's largest bank. It is the principal partner in this syndicate organized by Global Team AB. Ericsson, Investor, Henri Lloyd and UGS are corporate partners. The skipper is Gunnar Krantz from Sweden.

**Team Tyco**

Tyco is a Bermuda based company managed from New Hampshire. It owns ADT Security, and manufactures clothes hangers, medical products, packaging material, electronic components and underwater telecommunications systems. CEO Dennis Kozlowski owns the J Boat *Endeavour*. The skipper is Kevin Shoebridge from New Zealand.

*Information provided by Marianne Kammann*

# **CRUISE TO BUDDY'S, BY WAY OF THE VANFOSSEN/NEISNER RESIDENCE**

On November 3, a beautiful fall day, over 30 MRSA'ers enjoyed a pre-Buddy's cocktail party at the new home of Beth Vanfossen and Lewis Neisner.

We then preceded to Annapolis for our annual cruise to Buddy's dinner feast. As usual, a good time was had by all.

Attending were Dan and Maryann Brail, Myron and Sigrid Dorf, Richard and Wendy Edson, Dave and Laura Ellerbrake, Jeff and Kate Fones, Dave and Mary Gendell, Phil and Elaine Haskell, Rich and Toni Hughes, Dick and Marianne Kammann, Alan, Susan and Andy Kirkendall, John, Debbie and Jessica Lund, Philippe and Shirley Masiee, Ed and Peggy Poe, Bert and Kathy Polk, and last but not least, George and Carolyn Stamps.

Special congratulations to the Hughes, Rich for single-handedly sailing Fantastic to Annapolis for the occasion and Toni for providing him with warm clothes and bedding for his solo evening aboard.

*Lewis Neisner*



*Sir Richard Kammann, Laura Ellerbrake and Beth Vanfossen*

## **PARTY TIME WITH BETH AND LEWIS**



*This can't be just for ... Cocktail Hour !!*



*Kathy and Bert Polk, with Dave Ellerbrake*



*Philippe and Shirley Masiee*



*Carolyn Stamps and Jeff Fones*



*Dave Gendell and Ed Poe*



*Jessica Lund and Andy Kirkendall*



*Peggy and Ed Poe, (again!)*

*all photos by Neisner and Vanfossen*



## BAD NAVIGATION???

The last cruise of the 2001 cruising season, on October 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>, was destined for Round Bay. How did so many experienced sailors end up at Chez Chaos on the Magothy River? Severe magnetic anomaly!

It was really just Dave and Laura Ellerbrake to the rescue when the weather looked unfavorable for the cruise to the Severn. They invited all to come to their new abode (A.K.A. The Seal's home). It was a gala event in a fashion that Roger and Robbin would be proud. The attendance was great, far better than the cruise would have drawn.

As usual, the hors d'oeuvres were spectacular and the company was FANTASTIC! In attendance were Bill & Jen Boehm, Pat Branch, Dave & Laura Ellerbrake, Phil & Elaine Haskell, Rich & Toni Hughes and Mids, Joe & Diane Jackins, Dick & Marianne Kammann, John & Debbie Lund, Philippe & Shirley Masiee, Wes & Sheryl McNair, Stu & Lee Myers, Lewis Neisner & Beth Vanfossen, George & Carolyn Stamps, Stu & Vicki Timmerman, and Bill Trepp. Both the Jackins and the McNairs can claim the title of 'Hearty Sailors' as they were the only ones to come by boat. *Magic Dragon* was at pier-side which means that they were the first to arrive!!!

The last minute theme for the cruise was Halloween. All the costumes were great - everyone came as themselves. The pumpkin carving competition was a highlight of the evening with creativity abounding. Fabulous prizes were given for the top six jack-o-

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lanterns: Susan Watters' (Mid) Superman, Aaron Ochalek's (Mid) happy face, Pat Branch's was complete with earrings; Laura Ellerbrake's sported a Past Commodore's hat - best looking past commodore yet; Lee Myers' smiled a goulish grin. The team of Carolyn, Diane and Sheryl took first place honors with a patriotic theme. As the carving began, Laura Ellerbrake baked the pumpkin seeds for a seasonal treat. Of particular note was the fact that sharp knives were used for the carving and no blood was shed.

Thanks to Dave and Laura for hosting the event and to Roger and Robbin for being here in spirit. And yes Roger, Dave promises to have all the broken windows fixed by the time you get back in the spring.

*.....Rich Hughes*



*Chez Chaos... scene of numerous parties*



*Slaughter of the pumpkin heads!*



*Past Commodore Gourd and friends*

*photos by Hughes, Inc.*

## **THE DECEMBER CALENDAR, PLUS AND MINUS**

12/6 Membership Meeting, Wine and Cheese Party, Election of Officers -

12/8 Parade of Lights, Marriott, Annapolis

12/10 Joint Incoming and Outgoing BOG Meeting, at the Mullarky's

HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ALL !!

1/7/02 January BOG Meeting

1/19/02 Commodore's Ball, Gibson Island Club

Anytime: Coast Guard Vessel Safety Check

## **ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL AND DUES NOTICE ENCLOSED**

Please find the enclosed chartreuse sheet and act as soon as possible on the Annual Membership Renewal and Dues Notice. It is absolutely critical to renew your membership in the MRSA by January 15, 2002. In order to meet the schedule for compiling and printing the Red Book with the names and member information, racing and cruising schedules, your renewal form must get to us by mid January.

Please also notice that the **annual dues are still \$75** per member family. Your dues fund many of the MRSA fixed costs, such as The Red Book and monthly Old Man publication and postage costs, insurance, monthly meeting rentals, general and administrative costs, and partially support select social programs, racing socials and the Junior Training Program. . Please continue to talk about MRSA to potential new members this coming year. The MRSA needs new members every year to maintain viability, and counter losses due to member relocation's and other changes.

Your MRSA needs your support! Please mail your dues and updated Renewal Form TODAY ! Thanks !

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