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The Monthly Newsletter of the Magothy River Sailing Association

February 2006

## COMMODORE'S BALL A SUCCESS

Diane Jackins



For the first time in quite a while, there was no snow for the Commodore's Ball—sleet yes, but no snow. Fifty-five attendees, including the Commodore of Patapskut Sailing Association and the manager of the Magothy Marina, enjoyed a delightful evening at the Gibson Island Club.

One of the highlights of this event was the passing of the flags from the 2005 club officers to those for 2006.

Generally at the conclusion of this ceremony, the club presents the past commodore with a framed commodore's flag. For John's present, the club had Debbie's flag remounted and included an engraved plaque recognizing both he and Debbie as past commodores of MRSA.

Throughout the evening, George Stamps, the emcee, kept everyone and everything on track. Thanks, George, for a job well done.

Special thanks also to Sue Betz for the red and white floral arrangements. And, the absentee thanks go to past commodore Les Toplitz who was too far away to come to the ball, but who sent a check in anyway.

We love ya Les.



The Changing of the Guard



George Stamps at his Best

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## COMMODORES COMMENTS

Diane Jackins

I don't know how it is at your house, but February is always a planning month for us. We usually sit down with our calendars and plan out the rest of the year, starting with planning for the boat's spring launch, planning the cruises we can attend, and planning at least one Chesapeake Bay vacation. So, it seems only fitting for me that MRSA's February calendar is filled with club planning activities.



First, there is the Race Planning Party at Ledo's on February 8. This session will cover Bay and river racing, so

come share your ideas over pizza.

On February 11, the cruising side of the club will hold a cruise planning potluck dinner at the Belvedere Yacht Club. Good food and great camaraderie are always a part of this event, so bring a dish and your ideas for cruise destinations. Look for more information about both of these in this issue of the Old Man.

On March 19, the club will hold its annual brunch at Windows-on-the-Bay. This event not only provides a chance for MRSA sailors to swap stories and enjoy a great food and a great view, but also to pick up a copy of the Red Book (and save the club the postage). Dave Gendel, editor and founder of Spinsheet magazine will be the featured speaker, so please plan on attending.

MRSA events are open to all club members and their guests. If you know of someone who is interested in joining the best club on the Magothy, please invite them or, better yet, bring them to one of our events.

## MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME

CONGRATULATIONS! To the 67 members who have renewed by the official deadline. That means (we hope) that there are still many of you reading this that need to get your checks and membership information in for 2006.

The publication deadline for the MRSA Red Book will be here before you know it. If you're not in it, we won't know who you are and you won't receive a copy to remind you of who the rest of us are. Dues remain only \$75 for active membership and \$25 for inactive status, to the following address: Magothy River Sailing Association, PO Box 1135, Pasadena, MD 21122-1135. Avoid the embarrassment and inconvenience of that BOG phone call and act today.

## CLASSIFIEDS

**For Sale:** Lippincott 30 Sloop. Autohelm, depth, speed, VHF, bimini, teak cockpit table. Main halyard, single reef, EZ Jacks and topping lift led to cockpit and Harken cabin mounted winch. Roller furling 130 genoa, battened main. 15 HP Yanmar diesel. \$22,500. Call/email Fred Betz, 410-647-2824, febetz@verizon.net. Listed with Darlene Logan, Sales Rep, Lippincott Marine, 410-827-9303.

**For Sale:** 45' Morgan Nelson Marek C/B



Owned by a professional boat builder, "Niche" has many custom features and upgrades not found in the older Nelson Marek Morgan 45. This is a refreshed design by Catalina and is very cruiser friendly with a bright interior, swim platform, and improved mechanical and electrical systems.

Year: 1985

Located in Annapolis, MD

Hull Material: Fiberglass

Engine/Fuel Type: Single Diesel

YW# 1791-1444708

For additional information on this listing, please contact Al Picardi at 410-544-4295.

## CRUISING AWARDS, 2005

With howling winds and sleet in the background,, the cruising awards for 2005 were presented at the Gibson Island Yacht Club during the Commodore's Ball. The recipients were:

Third place winners, John and Debbie Lund of MinVan IV

Second place winners, Wes and Sheryl McNair of Merlin

First place winners, Al and Sue Kirkendall of Flying Low

Each received a favorite bottle with a gift certificate to West Marine. First place winners enjoy possession of the engraved cruising award plaque for the coming year.

In 2005, Magothy River Sailing Association had 39 different boats cruising on our 17 scheduled cruises with 15 local cruises and two, one-week cruises with six boats attending those. All cruises were in the Chesapeake.

Each of the cruise captains did a fantastic job in committing to, planning and carrying out your cruise. As I move onto the scribe's position, I wish to thank each of you for making this cruising season a wonderful experience for each of us with the opportunity to be with so many very wonderful people who share their love for each other and the Chesapeake Bay.

Put the February 11th Winter Planning Party on your calendar. This event has been our biggest party of the year for many years with some incredible rations. Hope to see you there.

Loura D. Bonham

Past Fleet Captain, Cruising, MRSA

Secretary, MRSA

## ANNUAL CRUISING PLANNING PARTY ON FEBRUARY 11TH AND RACE PLANNING MEETING ON FEBRUARY 8TH

We will be holding our annual Cruising Planning Party/Dinner on Saturday, Feb 11 at 6:00 P.M. at the Belvedere Yacht Club in Arnold, MD. Check out the details on our website at [www.magothysailing.com](http://www.magothysailing.com). For more information contact Burry Vanderveer at [cruising@magothysailing.com](mailto:cruising@magothysailing.com) or phone at 410-647-5664. For people interested in becoming members this is an excellent opportunity to meet the gang.

As we know, the Magothy River is one of the best racing venues on the Chesapeake Bay. We generally have over 70 boats racing in up to six different classes on Wednesday evenings beginning in April and continuing through September. There is even a class designed for beginning skippers and crews.

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# SPRING CLEANING THE SHIP'S STORE!

## *GET YOUR SHIRTS NOW!*

**By Beth Vanfossen, Ship's Store**

Now is the time to get some great deals on MRSA clothing and items. The end-of-season inventory shows that we have a few bargains in the Ship's Store, especially in styles that need to be cleared out to make room for new merchandise. (All items come proudly supporting the MRSA Burgee, and additional sizes can be ordered.) Just look at these categories:

### *GETTING READY FOR SPRING TRAINING, PARADES, AND CLEANING THE INSIDE OF THE BOAT, REDUCED PRICES!*

**Polo Shirts (also known as Golf Shirts):** Polo shirts always look so nautical. We have a few polo shirts in multiple styles, all with the MRSA Burgee, going for a bargain sale price of \$15. Plain white with short sleeves (one large and one small); white with green collar, 2 mediums; classic and still lovely navy short-sleeved polo's, 3 medium; gray polo's with navy collar and wine interfacing, 5 medium; beige polo's with green collar, 3 mediums still available. Less expensive even yet are 3 gorgeous yellow 30th MRSA Anniversary shirts with the anniversary designation on the sleeve, and with black stripes on collar and sleeve – for \$10!!

**Tee Shirts:** The all-time favorite and general-purpose clothing items, some with a large circular club name on the back, sale price is \$8. White long-sleeved turtlenecks, still good for winter warmth, with Burgee on collar, available in XL and L; 4 XL white short-sleeved t-shirts; stunning yellow t-shirts, one each in XL and L; 2 yellow t-shirts with a v-neck, perfect for when the weather gets warmer, small only. Lowest price goes to the yellow 30th anniversary tee shirt, very attractive with flags and burgee on front and name on back – only \$5 in L, M, and S!!

**For the Kids:** Children are proud to wear the MRSA banner. We have 4 L and 3S children's white short-sleeved polo shirts; and 1 M and 1S child's white t-shirts, all with the Burgee logo on the chest.

**Accessories:** Ah, yes, when I reached the bottom of the boxes, there were treasures there: 3 fabric round MRSA patches, in case you want to sew one onto your favorite thing, \$5; burgee decals, great for car windows or bumper stickers, \$1; white sailing (baseball-type) caps, \$11; one clear plastic tumbler with burgee embedded in the double wall, and one clear plastic coffee or beer mug with embedded in the double wall, \$3; 13 tie tacks with MRSA burgee \$4; and 7 beautiful pottery mugs with MRSA glazed on the side (hand-crafted by our own Sheryl McNair), 10 oz. or 12 oz., \$10.

### *CLOTHES FOR GETTING THE BOAT READY FOR SPRING (NOT ON SALE):*

**Denim Long-Sleeved Blue Shirts:** Available in XL, L, and XS, with one medium and small left, going for \$30. These are great for keeping you warm on those late winter days while sanding the bottom or removing mold on the interior, and are tough when coming into accidental contact with the sandpaper or Softscrub.

**Fleece Sleeveless Vests:** Our most popular item recently. Available in both classic blue, and glamorous yellow. These are so-o-o comfortable, as well as extremely attractive. They allow you to work in full body warmth with freedom of the arms. They are suitable for after-work parties too. There still are a few available in all sizes but XS. \$30.

So order now for these excellent deals on Ship's Store Items. Send an email to [ship\\_store@magothysailing.com](mailto:ship_store@magothysailing.com) or to [bvanfossen@towson.edu](mailto:bvanfossen@towson.edu), indicating item, size, and enclosing check. We'll get it to you at the next MRSA gathering you attend, or you can pick the merchandise up at Vanfossen's house. (Or, for the cost of postage, we'll even mail it to you!)

As the Ship's Store stays in the family by changing hands from Lewis Neisner to Beth Vanfossen, I want to thank Lewis for his four-year stewardship of the Ship's Store, and for his helpful advice and information on the Ship's Store items and management. I hope to put a catalog of Ship's Store items, complete with photos, on the MRSA web site sometime soon, with the help of Mike Mullarky, webmaster.

Finally, I would appreciate your suggestions for items you would like to see in the Ship's Store inventory. Please send and ideas to the above-listed email addresses, or give me a phone call (410-647-0694).

## 2006 MEETING SCHEDULE

February 8, 2006	Race Planning Party	Ledo's Pizza Severna Park	7:00 PM	
February 11, 2006	Cruise Planning Potluck Dinner	Belvedere Yacht Club	6:00 PM	
March 19, 2006	March Brunch	Windows on the Bay		Dave Gendell is the guest speaker

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### *ANNUAL CRUISING PLANNING PARTY ON FEBRUARY 11TH AND RACE PLANNING MEETING ON FEBRUARY 8TH*

In addition to Wednesday racing we also conduct the very fun and competitive Hallie Rice Fall series in October and November as well as sponsoring some of the premier upper Bay regattas. We have changed the format of our Spring Classic this year to include two Region 2 High Point sanctioned races inside the Magothy. Details will be posted on our website at [www.magothysailing.com](http://www.magothysailing.com) and the CBYRA Greenbook.

Please join us for our annual Race Planning Meeting to kick off the upcoming season on February 8th at 7:00 P.M. at Ledos Pizza in Severna Park. Anyone interested in racing on the Magothy is welcome. MRSA will provide free pizza and refreshments.

If you have questions about any of the MRSA racing programs please contact Rear Commodore, Ed Poe, at work at 410-842-2069 or toll free 866-470-0961 or at home at 410-296-6428. You can also contact Ed via email at [rear\\_commodore@magothysailing.com](mailto:rear_commodore@magothysailing.com).

## MARCH BRUNCH

### *MARCH 19TH AT WINDOWS ON THE BAY*

Mark your calendars now for the March Brunch on Sunday, March 19th at 11:00 A.M. at Windows on the Bay in Pasadena. Dave Gendell, co-founder and editor of Spinsheet magazine, will be our Guest Speaker. The cost for the event is \$23 per person and includes a delicious brunch buffet. Make checks payable to MRSA and send to:

MRSA, C/O Bob Seay, P.O. Box 663, Severna Park, MD 21146

Please RSVP NLT March 12th. Check the March Old Man for details or our website at [www.magothysailing.com](http://www.magothysailing.com). For more information contact Bob Seay via email at [vice\\_commodore@magothysailing.com](mailto:vice_commodore@magothysailing.com) or phone at 410-647-6350.

## NEW MEMBERS

By Peggy Poe

It was a star-studded affair with most of the regulars in attendance, and some of our new members and "soon-to-be members" also adding star-power and glamour to the event. Yes, folks, if you missed the annual Commodore's Ball, you missed a fabulous occasion with beautifully attired ladies in the height of fashion and nattily turned out mariners sporting those tuxes and dark suits. (Not a boat shoe was seen.) And yes, every guy I saw had on socks. As you know, the annual sock burning party is still several months away, so keep those tootsies warm!!! Joan Rivers and daughter "what's her name" were not there to judge the outfits, but I can tell you everyone looked terrific.

New members who joined in 2005 who attended were Wendy and Burry Vanderveer and Katie Elliott and Harris Hester. Perspective members (coming back to the fold) were Ivelisse and Chuck Beck. Jim Demerest, past MRSA commodore from 1979, had heard about our party, and went so far as to get himself elected Commodore of PSA so he and Jackie could attend our party.

Don't forget to invite all your friends and perspective members to the next events – Race Planning Meeting on February 8th and Cruise Planning Meeting on February 11th.

## SAİL FOR SIGHT

Happy New Year to ALL  
I hope you will have a great season on the Magothy River  
this coming year.  
Sorry to say I will not be with you on the River this year.  
I am living in Virginia near Deltaville

I will still be with The Foundation Fighting Blindness.

Please don't forget your Annual Race to Baltimore (The  
Sail for Sight Regatta)  
This will be in July.  
Fair winds to all

Thanks  
Captain Leon Holzman (Karen Lee)

## PICTURES OF THE COMMODORE'S BALL



The Cruising Awards

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS -JR. TRAINING CAMP 2006

By Donna Prucnal

Summer calendars fill up quickly and your Jr. sailor will not want to miss MRSA's super sailing camp. The camp dates are tentatively set for June 19th - June 30th pending Grachur Club approval.

Children from 9 to 16 years old are invited to participate. No prior experience is necessary, other than the ability to swim.

The Registration Form for camp will be published in the 2006 RED BOOK to be distributed at the March Brunch and will be posted online on the MRSA Web Page at [www.magothysailing.com](http://www.magothysailing.com) sometime in March. The 2006 Camp Registration Form must be used to register students for this year's camp. Forms will be accepted beginning April 1st.

Camp fills up quickly, so mark your calendars now with these important dates. If you have any questions about Jr. Training, contact Donna Prucnal at 410-255-5623.

E-Mail: [junior\\_training@magothysailing.com](mailto:junior_training@magothysailing.com)

## PROPOSED BYLAW CHANGE

At our December meeting, the BOG discussed a potential bylaw change in regards to the current expenditure limit permitted without General Membership approval. The discussion started when reviewing the proposed annual budget for acquisition of additional boats for the junior fleet. A desire was expressed to purchase single-handed boats for the Junior Training program to increase the amount of boat handling time for our intermediate level students. These boats are generally available one at a time from private individuals but, from time to time, whole fleets are put up for sale by educational institutions or other sailing clubs. It is this latter case that has prompted the BOG to recommend a bylaw change to facilitate the purchase of several boats through one transaction.

Our current bylaws specify that no Association monies in excess of \$7,500 will be authorized without approval of a 2/3 majority of the active members present at a specified General Membership meeting. While this seems to be a reasonable provision, an observation made at the BOG meeting was that when fleets of boats come up for sale, they don't stay on the market very long.

In the event that the purchase price would be greater than \$7,500, we would likely lose the opportunity to purchase the boats since it would take at least a month to obtain General Membership approval.

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### *PROPOSED BYLAW CHANGE*

As a result, the recommendation was made to request approval of a bylaw change to raise the expenditure level requiring general membership approval to \$10,000.

Although we have been “saving up” for a large purchase if it becomes available, our annual budget includes a smaller amount suitable for a single boat purchase. In accordance with another bylaw provision, even if the General Membership approves the recommended bylaw change, the BOG will still have to approve any expenditure over the budgeted amount. This check and balance ensures that there is full agreement within the BOG prior to making such a major expenditure.

It is therefore requested that the General Membership consider and vote to approve the following bylaw change at the March Brunch:

Current: Article XIII, Section 3 - No expenditure of Association moneys in excess of seven thousand five hundred dollars (\$7,500) will be authorized without the approval of a 2/3 majority of the Active members present at a specified General Membership meeting. Notice and purpose of such meeting must be sent to each Active member at least ten days prior thereto.

Proposed: Article XIII, Section 3 - No expenditure of Association moneys in excess of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) will be authorized without the approval of a 2/3 majority of the Active members present at a specified General Membership meeting. Notice and purpose of such meeting must be sent to each Active member at least ten days prior thereto.

## MORE PICTURES OF THE COMMODORE'S BALL



## THE OLD MAN

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*Picture by Bill Paul*

We left behind the painted buoy  
That tosses at the harbour-mouth:  
And madly danced our hearts with joy,  
As fast we fled to the south;  
How fresh was every sight and sound  
On open main or winding shore!  
We knew the merry world was round,  
And we might sail for evermore.

- From *The Voyage*, by Alfred Lord Tennyson