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The Monthly Newsletter of the Magothy River Sailing Association

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Calendar of Upcoming Events

Sep 4 – 6, Sat – Mon: Labor Day Cruise to Langford Creek and Reed Creek

Sep 6-12, all week: Long Cruise on the Bay

Sep 18 – 19, Sat – Sun: Queenstown Race and Race Back

Sep 18 – 19, Sat – Sun: Tilghman Creek on Miles River Cruise *changed to* Salt Works Creek on the Severn River. Let Cruise Leaders Peggy and Ed Poe know if you will be cruising by E-mailing at mpoe1@comcast.net or calling 410-296-6428.

October 2 – 3, Sat – Sun: Fun Festival; Baltimore and Fells Point Cruise; Homer & Sherry Sandridge, Cruise Leaders. E-mail them at sherrysand@hotmail.com or call 410-384-9101.

Oct 3, Sunday: Hallie Rice Race 1. Sunday racing begins.

Oct 6, Wednesday: Wednesday Evening Trophy Party at location **CALL WES** at 410-437-8998 or commodore@magothysailing.com

Oct 7, Thursday: **October Membership Meeting.** Meet at Podickory Point Marina, 2116 Bay Front Terrace (at exit 32, Sandy Point State Park), for pizza buffet at 6:30 pm. Speaker is Stephen Abel from Oyster Recovery Partnership. Let Jon Mullarky know that you will be attending.: 410-439-1556 or vice_commodore@magothysailing.com.

January 22, 2011, Saturday: Tentative Commodore's Ball date at GIYC (think snow)



Commodore's Comments – ... ahh - Fall



By Wes McNair, Commodore

As the days of August tick away on us, it is with inevitable sadness that we think of summer coming to an end. It is a little less traumatic to us once we're past our school years, but sad nonetheless, especially to us sailors. Among my own seasonal afflictions, it is about this time every year that I realize that I never did (and never will) finish even my list of spring chores for the boat. It's liberating in a sense; *Merlin* made it through anyway. Time to start a list for next spring.

But our climate here on the Magothy means the best sailing is still to come. As the temperatures become once again bearable, and the winds

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return to a semblance of reliability, we can look forward to several more months of great times on the water. Fall really is our best season. A few years back, just after the kids left for college and before Sheryl returned to work, we had a delightful September week of sailing. Magical weather every day. Calls into empty anchorages at Worton, Still Pond, Sassafras, and Chesapeake City. Crabs plentiful; nettles not to be found. It was as if the Bay was all our own. Life was good, as it can be again for those who get out to take advantage of it.

MRSA certainly offers plenty of opportunities to do just that in our upcoming schedule. Starting with a long cruise week after Labor Day, and extending through the Frostbite races and cruise, try to get out and really enjoy the Fall. You'll be glad you did.



Upcoming Cruises & Events

Baltimore and Fells Point Cruise, October 2 – 3

Contributed by Homer and Sherry Sandridge

Good News for fellow procrastinators! Anchorage Marina still has slips available as of today. Please contact Homer or Sherry soon to reserve a slip and join the fun. In addition to the brunch with the Bristol on Sunday morning, we are planning to get together for drinks and appetizers on the dock at 7:00 PM on Saturday after an afternoon at the Fells Point Festival. To reserve a slip or for additional details, contact Homer or Sherry Sandridge, 443-831-0564 or sherrysand@hotmail.com.

Join us at the Anchorage Marina in Baltimore located within easy walking distance of Fells Point and its annual festival on Saturday and Sunday, October 2-3, 2010. Please let us know soon if you plan to attend as slips may become tight. Plan to arrive on Saturday in time to attend the festival which runs until 7:00 P.M. Some members will likely come up on Friday evening. Please bring food to share for a Sunday morning brunch. As in past years, the Chesapeake Bristol Club will be attending also.

Anchorage Marina is located at 2501 Boston Street, Latitude: 39.16.77; Longitude: 076.34.96. We have a discounted group rate of \$1.75 per foot plus electricity (\$10 for 30 AMP). The marina is currently holding a number of slips for both clubs but it's important that we book early given that it will be a busy weekend and they will not hold these slips very long. The marina has requested that the MRSA cruise director manage the slip bookings so MRSA members desiring a slip need to call Homer & Sherry Sandridge to supply the following information:

Name, Boat Name, Length, Beam, Electric Requirements, Arrival & Departure Dates, Credit Card Number & Expiration Date.

Hope you can join the fun. Any questions, please contact Homer & Sherry Sandridge *Tide Dancer* (H) 410-384-9101; (C) 443-831-0564; sherrysand@hotmail.com.

October 7 Membership Dinner Meeting – Pizza and Oysters at Podickory Point Yacht & Beach Club

Submitted by Jon Mullarky, Vice Commodore

Mark your calendar, for MRSA's first Fall social event! The meeting will be at the Podickory Point Yacht & Beach Club and feature a pizza buffet beginning at 6:30 PM.

Our Speaker will be Stephan Abel, from the Oyster Conservatory Program. He will discuss the Oyster Recovery Efforts In Maryland, giving us a historic and current perspective of the

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issues affecting the Native American or Eastern oyster and current strategies being employed to increase their population levels in Maryland's portion of the Chesapeake Bay.

Stephan has been the Executive Director of the Oyster Recovery Partnership since 2007. Prior to joining the Partnership, he was the Executive Director in the Office of Communications and Marketing at the Maryland Department of Natural Resources. He enjoyed a distinguished career in the U.S. Navy, has held management positions at Sallie Mae and Careerbuilder, and earned a B.S. from Villanova University, an M.B.A. from George Washington University and is a graduate of the Naval War College. A lifelong sailor on the Chesapeake Bay, he is married with two children and resides in Annapolis.

Call Jon for reservations. Driving directions to the Podickory Point Marina:

Choice A: Take Ritchie Highway (RT 2) to College Parkway. Proceed to the end of College Parkway, straight through the light at Cape Saint Claire Road and onto East College Parkway. Continue on East College Parkway past the 7-11 and the PNC Bank to parallel RT 50/301 about 2 miles to turn left at Log Inn Road.

- Go straight on Log Inn Road (changes name to Tydings Road) a little over one mile. (Watch for deer!) Turn right on Bay Front Terrace and continue about a quarter mile. Turn right at the sign/gate for Podickory Point Marina. Park in any unreserved spot, go to the clubhouse, and enjoy the view of Baltimore and Sandy Point Lights – and the Bay Bridge.

Choice B: Take RT 50/301 toward the Bay Bridge. Take the last exit before the toll: Exit 32. Turn left at the end of the ramp to cross over RT 50/301. Turn Left on East College Parkway and go about a quarter mile to right on Log Inn Road. (Then follow Log Inn Road directions above.)



Tall-Tales of Past Cruises and Events

A Good time was had by all on the 4th of July Cruise

Submitted by Al & Sue Kirkendall, Cruise Leaders

The 4th of July weekend dawned with beautiful sunny skies and comfortable evenings for a celebration of Independence Day. The trip to the Choptank River was uneventful with little wind and a lot of assistance from the Iron Jenny to the first destination of Waterhole Cove off of Harris Creek. Shortly thereafter we were joined by John and Debbie Lund on *Min Van IV*, and Myron and Sigrid Dorf aboard *Light Spray*. With the raft-up secure, the group came together aboard *Flying Low* for Happy Hour with the usual abundance of food and drink, which became dinner for the evening. After all anchors were set, dueling fireworks were provided by St. Michaels and a few high displays from Oxford. Sunday morning found the patriotic cruisers enjoying a pot luck breakfast that clearly addressed all foods on the healthy pyramid.

Hoping that our breakfast offering pleased the wind gods, the mighty three set out for Oxford. Well, apparently we ate too much because winds were quite light, but it was a pleasant trip to Oxford. We found good holding ground in Town Creek and headed in to town to check-out the sights and a much needed ice cream cone. We traveled to Schooners Landing restaurant by dingy for dinner. Some of our group had elected to partake of ice cream before dinner and others elected to top off the dinner with ice cream. The ice cream is a major attraction in Oxford, especially this summer, whenever you chose to partake.

On Monday morning we said goodbye to the *Min Van IV* with *Flying Low* and *Light Spray* continuing a rather warm trip to Solomons for an additional two days.

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RESERVATIONS REQUIRED or REQUESTED FOR:

- *Salt Works Creek – by Thursday, Sep 16 to 410-296-6428*

- *Baltimore and Fells Point – by Wednesday, Sep 29 to 443-831-0564*

- *Trophy Party – by Friday, Oct 1 to 410-437-8998*

- *October Membership Meeting – by Monday, Oct 4 to 410-439-1556*

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Special thanks to Dan Prucnal, Peggy Poe, Ioura & Mike Bonham, Zoe Forsyth, Sue Kirkendall, Toni Hughes, Richard Brill, Grace Medina and Kathy Polk for pictures this month! Feel free to send your photos for next month's issue. We had more photos for this month but chose to include the words instead.

[The Legendary Saga of Milbur ...](#) [and the August Cruise /Picnic](#)

Submitted by Myron Dorf

Once upon a time on a peninsula near Gibson Island there was a small white mill and this mill ground the corn which grew in the fields around it. After several years of operation there was a terrible fire which burned the mill to the ground and destroyed most of that year's crop. The land was then used as a boy's camp which was appropriately named Milburn.

Boys being boys, a young man named Nathaniel Nottingham stole the 'n' from the sign at the entrance to the camp. And so, thereafter, the community became known as Milbur while the road retained the name Milburn.

And now many years later in this community on a perfect day for a picnic - with temperatures in the 80's, plenty of shade, and a soft breeze blowing off of the creek - MRSA held their annual August cruise/picnic. Almost 60 members and guests enjoyed the hamburgers and hot dogs grilled to perfection by Jon and Mike Mullarky and the many delicious side dishes supplied by the members. Both children and adults took advantage of the nettle-free waters of the pool and many stories of sailing adventures, good and bad, were shared.

Although most arrived by land cruiser some held up the cruising end of the event and arrived by boat. They were Sue & Fred Betz on their trawler *Dulcinea*, Joe & Diane Jackins by dinghy from Eagle Cove where *Magic Dragon* was anchored, the Forsyth family on *Whister*, and the Polks with family on *Mary Louise II*.



Special Membership Notices and Announcements

[Welcome new members!](#)

By Peggy Poe

Your BOG is always hard at work, even in the heat of summer. And this month the BOG has voted in a new member family with our first multi-hull racer! Of course, this is not our first multi-hull member. Steve and Jane Gardner certainly led the way before (and maybe others as well).

Welcome to Lorraine and Russ Wesdyk of Arnold, MD and their two daughters Kathryn and Sarah. Russ has already become a regular on Wednesday nights in the multi-hull start. Russ races on *Lola 3*, *The Wild Child*, a Corsair F 27. Make sure to welcome the Wesdyks to MRSA when you see them.

[NEW ITEMS IN THE SHIP'S STORE](#)

Submitted by Debbie Lund, Storekeeper First Class

The new shirts for 2010 are micropique moisture wicking polo shirts with MRSA embroidered logo. They are light blue and come in women and men sizes. See the new shirts at the August Picnic. These shirts will keep you cool this summer. The price is \$30.00. I also have new denim shirts for \$35.00. If you can't come to the picnic and want a shirt or other items from the ship's store, please call Debbie Lund at 410-544-2551.

!!! SHIP'S STORE INVENTORY REDUCTION SALE !!!

Prices are reduced on some items of the ships store.

Lunch box- reduced to \$15
Cup- reduced to \$8
Light blue T-shirts- reduced to \$12
Green and yellow T-shirts- reduced to \$5.00
Blue Jackets- reduced to \$45.00

Other items available:

Burgee- \$18.00
Hat- \$15.00
White long sleeve wicking shirts- \$30.00
Stickers- \$1.00

New Maryland PFD Laws – and Certificate POSSESSION

By Jon Mullarky, Vice Commodore

There is a new Maryland Law concerning PFD wear by Children and Operation of Recreation Boats by Persons under the Age of 16.

The Governor has signed newly passed legislation that will require children **under the age of 13** to wear an approved life jacket on recreational boats. The law does not apply to a vessel which is moored or anchored; or a when the child is below deck or in an enclosed cabin.

The new law also requires persons under the age of 16 operating a numbered vessel in the State to possess a Certificate of Boating Safety Education and be under supervision of a person, onboard, who has obtained a Certificate of Boating Safety Education or was born before July 1, 1972. Read it at <http://mlis.state.md.us/2010rs/bills/sb/sb0092t.pdf>. The change requires "**possession**" of the certificate. In the past you could just **tell** the DNR you had a certificate. (Not telling the truth is a BIG no-no. – Ed.)

The new law is effective October 1, 2010.

Classified Advertisements

From time to time it has been customary to have "classified ads" in *The Old Man* to allow members to make nautical articles (little pun there) available within the membership. Please respond directly to the seller if you are interested in these deals.

Boat Slip available on Cornfield Creek

In-water, private boat slip available on Cornfield Creek for winter season 2010-2011. Call Mike Bonham for details at 410-439-0507.

NEW !

For Sale - Rogue River 15.7 - \$250.00

Rogue River Canoe with drink holders; oar lock sockets; spare paddle tie downs, a protected storage compartment for watches, wallets, jewelry, cameras, or keys; an insulated cooler under the center seat.

Length: 15' 7"; Beam: 42"; Depth" 14.5"; Weight: 104 pounds

Capacity: 820 pounds; HP Rating: 4 HP

Call John Maliszewski 410-353-8115 or jrmalis@Verizon.net

13' Boston Whaler Sport – 2002 – Like new!

Only 40 hours on high performance 40 HP, 4-stroke engine. Loaded with Sunbrella cover and trailer. \$8,800. Call 410-255-8073.



Racing Corner

Governor's Cup 2010

Contributed by Joe Berchielli, Race Committee Chair, with help from the Poes and the Mullarkys

Several MRSA boats competed in this year's Governor's Cup from Annapolis to St. Mary's College on the river of the same name. We may have missed some, but here is what we think we want to say is the truth – maybe....

Ed Tracey and crew took a 1st on *Incommunicado* in B Class
Steve Culfogienis and crew took a 2nd on *Cookie* in C/D Class
Jack Lusby and crew took a 1st on *Vagabond* in non-Spinnaker.
Mark Walker and crew took a 3rd on *Bumblebee* in non-Spinnaker.

Also racing were Russ Wesdyk and crew on *Lola3, the Wild Child* in the Multi-Hull Class.
Mike Mullarky and crew on *Eighth Deadly Sin* in A Class. Mike Bonham and Pete with others on ...? Craig Coltharp and Crew on *Rocket Science* in A Class.

Wednesday Night after race Raftups – 2010 Season

Submitted by (you guessed it!) Joe Berchielli

This year's MRSA Wednesday night post-race raft-up parties were held on June 30 and August 11.

If you have never joined one of these events, you should try it - you'll like it (although you'll have to wait until next year). Chat with the competing racers and look over their boats while indulging in fudge brownies, chips, pretzels, muffins during a beautiful night on the river - all this and plenty of free liquid refreshments too!

Thanks to skipper Gene McCollum and the crew of *Boondoggle* for providing the raft-up boat for both of this year's parties.



Junior Sailing Program – Ages 9 - 16

Junior Training 2010 - Sailing Camp Wrap – Up

Submitted by Zoe Forsyth, Fleet Captain Junior Training

This year's Junior Training Sailing Camp, which ran from June 21 through July 2 at the Grachur Club, gave 40 young sailors the opportunity to improve their sailing skills and have lots of fun on water and on land. Mother Nature provided blue skies and good winds (most days)...and HOT temperatures! Eight students achieved the rank of Skipper: Jake Andrew, Luke Councell, Graham Dougan, Kyle Dougan, Jane Hostomsky, Erin Kemp, Grace Tierney, and Brad Wilson. At the Closing Ceremony, campers received their CBYRA Certificates from Vice-Commodore Jon Mullarky and then enjoyed a delicious picnic with their families.

Many MRSA folks who gave generously of their time and energy deserve credit for the success of this year's Camp. Dave Kemp worked very hard to prepare and maintain the boat fleet, while Joe Tierney did a tremendous amount of behind-the-scenes administration and coordination of email communications. First Aid preparedness was provided by Annette Mullarky, who also assisted with camp supervision duty. Mike Mullarky helped with weather monitoring and kept the parent schedule up to date. Ed Poe facilitated arrangements with the Grachur Club, as did Wes

McNair who in addition made available his property for the Closing Ceremony and for boat storage. Kathy Dougan contributed in many ways including her key role in coordinating the picnic. Last but definitely not least, Rich Hughes provided much helpful advice throughout the planning and running of camp.

We are grateful to Grachur for hosting the sailing camp, and ask everyone to please remember that Grachur is a private club, and its grounds and waterfront are open only to Members and their guests when camp is not in session.

Questions? Contact Zoe Forsyth at 410-315-9548 or junior_training@magothysailing.com.

Wednesday Night Racing – 08/02/10

Monday Night Racing 08/02/10

Submitted by Dan Prucnal, Junior Racing Dragon

There was great sailing last night with breezy conditions providing plenty of power for the racers to really shine. We put out three 420s with equally matched crews, each with one of our own Junior Sailing Skipper. In total, eight racers turned out to participate in five windward/leeward courses. Everyone took turns at the helm, main, jib, and *ballast* positions with good mentoring coming from our skippers. There was much chatter to be heard within and between boats as all had a good time. There were some beautiful role tacks, nice port/starboard crossings, tactical mark roundings, and of course some general silliness and missed opportunities (fun). There was even a nicely executed port tack start. The windward/leeward course provided many chances for the racers to trade positions and the racers surely capitalized where they could. The overall final scoring position after five races was 7, 10, and 13.

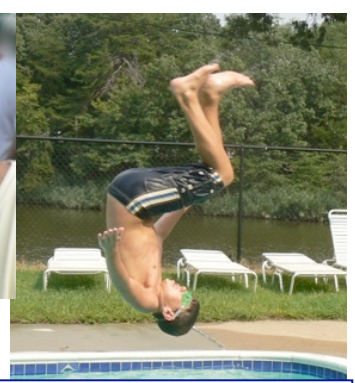
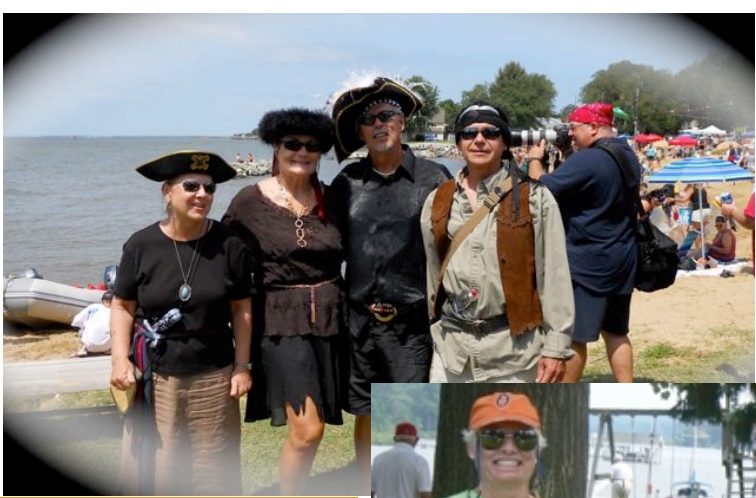


Oh, By the Way

Sailing and Party Photos



Campbell Jones folding; sailing friends rigging. Wednesday Night Raft-up; rafters enroute – Joe Berchielli, Scott Kinlaw, Grace Medina, Joe Snyder. Photos by Zoe Forsyth (2), Richard Brill, and Grace Medina.



Don't adjust your newsletter!

Pirates Laura & Mike Bonham (center) with Dawn & Ron Hughes (EYC); Milbur picknickers: Toni Hughes with her mother (from Nebraska); Ryan Forsyth; Zoe & Caroline Forsyth; Kathy, Chase, Natalie, Ben, & April Polk.



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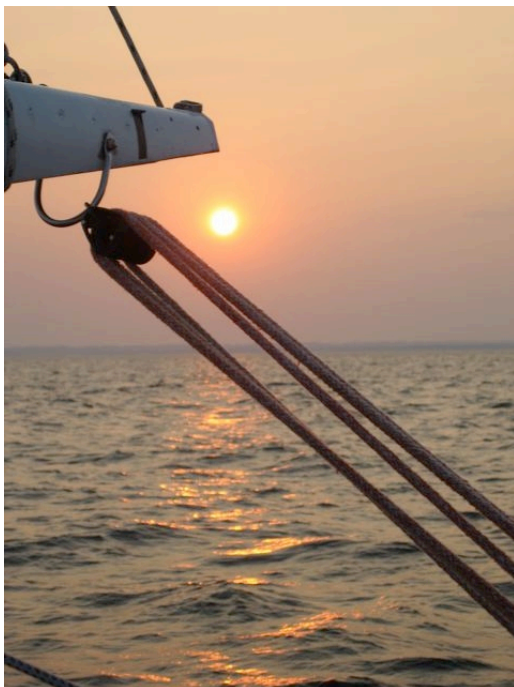
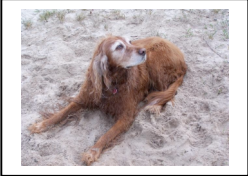
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Treasure the Chesapeake!



The Old Dog



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