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The Monthly Newsletter of the Magothy River Sailing Association

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Calendar of Upcoming Events

Happy Valentine's Day!

- **February 15, Wednesday:** Race Planning Meeting, Belvedere Yacht Club, time: 6-ish
- **February 18, Saturday:** Cruise Planning Meeting, Belvedere Yacht Club, 6 PM
- **April 18, Wednesday:** Wednesday Night Races Start on the Magothy
- **April 28, Saturday:** Sock Burning Party and Shakedown Cruise, At the Loooper beach or Broad Creek
- **June 18 through 29, Monday through Friday:** Junior Sailing Training, at the Grachur Club, ages 9 and up



Commodore's Comments

- New Commodore Looking Ahead



By Debbie Lund, Commodore

February is a big month in the planning of the 2012 Sailing Season. On February 15th, the race planning meeting will be held at the Belvedere Yacht Club. On February 18th, the cruise planning party will be held at the same club. Please sign up to be race committee or a cruise leader. Remember MRSA needs many volunteers for the season to be successful.

Besides the elected positions which make up the Board of Governors of MRSA, there are many appointed positions in MRSA. The following is a list of appointed positions: Membership Chair- Peggy Poe, Webmaster-Mike Mullarky, *Old Man* editor- Bert Polk, *Red Book* editor- Kathy Dougan, Ship's Store- Laura Bonham, Race Scorer- Mike Mullarky, Race Gear- Mark Walker, Protest Committee- Drew Dowling, CBYRA Delegate and PHRF Delegate- Mike Mullarky.

The junior training program will be held again at the Grachur Club from June 18th to June 29th. Zoe is

busy hiring the instructors. Parents will be required to volunteer at camp. If you are a parent of a junior training participant, please think about coming to the race planning meeting or the cruising party.

If you have any suggestions for social events, meeting topics, junior events, or anything else, please do not hesitate to contact me at commodore@magothysailing.com. See you at the planning meetings this month!



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Upcoming Cruises & Events

Winter Racing Planning Meeting -

Wednesday, February 15, 6-ish Belvedere Yacht Club

By Shifting Sands, Shoal Coordinator

Plans are to meet at the Belvedere Yacht Club (directions below, under Cruising Party) around 6 – 6:15 PM on Wednesday the 15th to review rules, procedures, past glitches and solutions, and “what ifs” prior to the racing season. All Wednesday Night Racing Skippers and prospective skippers in other races this summer are HIGHLY ENCOURAGED TO BE THERE. All crews are also ENCOURAGED TO BE THERE. Some of the rules have changed for 2012, and others will be reemphasized. Safety on the water and emergency procedures will be stressed. We want to avoid any major (or minor) missteps that could lead to injuries to boats and crews. Required and recommended safety equipment will be discussed, as well as man overboard procedures. Basic courses, cautions, signals, signs, flags, buoys, and “gun/whistle signals” will also be reviewed. Each crew will also be given the privilege of volunteering for at least one opportunity to participate as the coveted Committee Boat. The after series raft-up socials will also be tentatively planned. A great time for all the racers to come out, get acquainted, make nice – and then go back home to ruthlessly strategize how to leave their nemesis in their wake this year! For additional information, please contact Angelo Guarino, race_committee@magothysailing.com.

WINTER/CRUISE PLANNING PARTY -

Saturday, February 18, 6 PM Belvedere Yacht Club

Submitted by Myron Dorf, Fleet Captain Cruising

Before you know it, it will be sailing weather and we’re looking forward to a fun filled 2012 season on the Magothy and the Bay. We have put together a busy schedule to keep you active all summer and now we want to share it with you and to enlist your help in making it a successful sailing season.

We welcome all members to join us, to find out what the MRSA cruise season looks like, and to make plans to join the fun.

Date: February, 18, 2012

Time: 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM

Place: Belvedere Yacht Club

Who: All members interested in cruising and anyone who wants a fun social evening.

Food: Pot Luck. MRSA will provide soft drinks, beer, and wine – and dessert.

Suggested food to bring: Last name beginning -

A-L entrée M-Z salad or side dish.

Questions: 410-255-8330 or cruising@magothysailing.com

Directions to BYC: From Ritchie Highway (Route 2) turn onto College Parkway. Go through two lights and take the next left onto Jones Station Road. Continue through the intersection with Mago Vista and then turn left onto Alameda Parkway. BYC is at the end of Alameda.

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[SAILABRATION in Baltimore 13 - 19 June:](#)[Marinas are Filling Up!](#)

By Myron Dorf, Cruise Leader

One of our planned cruises for this summer is the **SAILABRATION** in Baltimore. The Tall Ships will be arriving in Baltimore on June 13 and departing on June 19. Among the festivities planned for the event are tours of the Tall Ships and Navy War Ships, an air show, fireworks, and events on land. For more information check the website at [starspangled2000.com](#).

The marinas are filling up very quickly and if you wish to attend you must book your space now and secure it with a credit card. Mike Mullarky has done some checking and has found the following:

- **Lighthouse Point in Canton** (and probably Harbor View, since they're the same company): slips available now, but going quickly. They can't commit until reserved with a credit card. \$2.50/ft/night, 40' minimum, 3 night minimum, \$18/night for electric. Payment in full when reserved. Non-refundable. With 48 hour cancellation notice, funds will be held by the marina and may be used on non-Holiday/non-Special Event times for up to one year from the reservation date.
- **Harbor View:** Has slips. \$3.00/ft/night, 30' minimum, 3 night minimum.
- **Inner Harbor East:** sold out for Friday and Saturday night, but available other nights. 2 night minimum. Rates are by slip size - 30' - \$72.00, 40' - \$94.50, 50' - \$117.50. Electric is \$8 for single 30AMP and \$16 for twin 30AMP or 50AMP.
- **Anchorage Marina** is full.

Group plans are indefinite at this time. You must make your individual arrangements if you wish to stay overnight in Baltimore.



Tall-Tales of Past Cruises and Events

[Commodore's Ball 2012](#)

Submitted by Starry Nite, Weather Guru

The stars aligned in our favor this year as there was no snow, no ice, moderate temperatures, and a bright moon for this year's Commodore's Ball at the Gibson Island Club on Gibson Island in beautiful downtown Pasadena, Maryland on the shores of the Chesapeake Bay. Approximately 50 well turned out members and guests were greeted by roving waiters delivering appetizers of crab casserole, seafood gumbo, and Philippine Lumpia. Later, guests savored dishes of Chesapeake Chicken, Seafood Newburg a la Star Fleet, and (Harry, what was that veggie stuff anyway?!) with multiple delectable fruits and vegetables. Those were followed with numerous simply irresistible desserts – some containing large amounts of chocolate. Master of ceremonies, Joe Jackins, did an admirable job of entertaining and introducing. (Some of his jokes were quite memorable – to some, but I can't remember any right now.) Honored guests included Jamie Blomeier, PSA Vice Commodore and his fiancée, Ann Dance; Grachur Club President John Frey and his wife, Lorainne; and Eddie Looper with his guest, Ban. Eddie has volunteered to continue his mother's tradition of inviting MRSA to the Looper beach on Broad Creek for the annual sock burning party (and shakedown cruise) the last Saturday in April. Cameras clicked as Joe assembled no less than eleven distinguished Past Commodores, and plenty of time remained for dancing the remainder of the evening.

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RESERVATIONS REQUIRED or REQUESTED FOR:

- *Commodore's Ball –
by Wednesday,
January 18 via RSVP
card or to the Vice
Commodore*



Distinguished MRSA Past Commodores at the Commodore's Ball, January 28, 2012:
Fred Betz, Dick Kammann, Ed Poe, Jon Mularkey, John & Debbie Lund,
Mike & Annette Mularkey, Al Kirkendal, Diane & Joe Jackins



Special Membership Notices and Announcements

[Morgan Freeman Chairs the Board](#)

Excerpted from James Houck in WhatsUpMag.com

Morgan Freeman has been selected to replace the legendary Walter Cronkite as chair of the National Sailing Center & Hall of Fame (NSHOF) Honorary Advisory Board in Annapolis. "I am honored to be part of the National Sailing Center & Hall of Fame as we create a home for American sailing," said Morgan Freeman recently. "I know how important it was to Walter. My love for sailing started at an early age, and there is nothing like being carried away by the wind and waves." According to the article, "Freeman's passion for sailing began... in a Lightning class dinghy near Stowe, Vermont in 1967. He now sails on larger ocean-going boats. If you live a life of make-believe, your life isn't worth anything until you do something that does challenge your reality. And to me, sailing the open ocean is a real challenge, because it's life or death. There's no quarter."

[Welcome new members AND prospective members!](#)

[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 – of which we currently have none.



Racing Corner

[More Info Next Month](#) – after the racing planning party on the 15th of this month. Y'all come now, y'hear!



Junior Sailing Program – Ages 9 - 16

Junior Training 2012 - Anticipation building - Exciting!

By Zoe Forsyth, Fleet Captain Junior Training



[Start Thinking about Summer Sailing for your kids....](#)
[Registrations start in March – Next Month!!](#)

Junior Training Sailing Course. As in the past, we expect the two week MRSA-Grachur Summer Sailing Course to be very popular and to fill up quickly. There has been a waiting list every year.

The camp is limited to forty (40) junior sailors, ages 9 through 16, and will run weekdays from Monday, June 18th through Friday, June 29th. **If your kids are interested, be prepared to move fast when, on or about March 1st, the Registration forms will be made available in the “Juniors” section of the MRSA website, <http://www.magothsailing.com/bin/junior.php>.**

The cost is expected to be similar to last year, \$260 for MRSA and Grachur Club junior sailors, and \$330 for non-club members. The course will follow the US Sailing text "Start Sailing Right." Again this year, parents will be expected to help one day for each camper from their family.

MRSA and Grachur Club members will get priority until the **Members' Priority Registration Date** which will be stated on the Registration form. After this date, applications will be considered from non-member junior sailors (those whose parents or grandparents are not members of MRSA or Grachur.) **Grachur and MRSA members must have their applications submitted and received by the Members' Priority Registration Date in order to receive their priority status over non-member families.**

Necessary Forms The 2012 Registration Form, the Release Form, and the Medical Waiver Form should be submitted at the same time and will be available on the MRSA web site as explained above.

For More Information, call Zoe Forsyth (410-315-9548) or Joe Tierney (410-544-1723) or e-mail junior_training@magothysailing.com



Treasure the Chesapeake!



The photos this month are all from the Commodore's Ball. In case you do not recognize some of the people, clockwise from upper left are new Commodore Debbie Lund with Grachur President John Frey and his wife Lorraine; to the right, PSA Vice Commodore Jamie Blomeier flanked by his fiancée Ann Dance, and Peggy Poe; then Eddie Looper with his guest Ban; Kathy & Bert Polk; and in the center, Sue Betz with one of many of her glorious red rose flower arrangements that graced all the tables at the Ball.



A few of our many new MRSA officers for 2012!



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Picture by Bill Paul

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