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The Monthly Newsletter of the Magothy River Sailing Association

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Calendar of Upcoming Events

- Every Wednesday, 6 PM: *Wednesday Night Races on the Magothy*
- June 8, Friday: June Picnic at the Poulsens' on the Severn River
- June 18 through 29, Monday through Friday: Junior Sailing Training, at the Grachur Club on the Magothy River
- July 14, Saturday: Dog Day Afternoon on the Magothy

Commodore's Comments

– Summer – and the heat is on!



By Debbie Lund, Commodore

I am writing this article on the Eve of the Memorial Day weekend – the official start to summer. The weather forecast is for 90+ degree weather which sounds more like July 4th instead of Memorial Day. The MRSA cruising fleet is joining the Eastport Yacht Club and the Bristol Club in the Wye River. There are always fun games and a great chicken dinner on Sunday night.

On Friday, June 8th is the June picnic. This year it will be at the Poulsen's house on the Severn River. MRSA has members that live on several tributaries of the Chesapeake Bay.

The Junior Training Program starts on June 18 at the Grachur Club. Zoe Forsyth and Joe Tierney have been very busy making sure the paper work is complete, instructors are hired, and the T-shirts are ordered. For another year, the camp is full. June is the time for the boat preparation. Please volunteer your time to help prepare the fleet.

The Star-Spangled Sailabration will be held in Baltimore from June 13 to June 19. This celebration is the national launch of the War of 1812 bicentennial. An international maritime and air festival will feature dozens of tall ships, naval war ships and the U.S. Navy Blue Angels.

Looking forward to seeing everyone on the water!



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"Sail Fast - - - Live Slow."

- as overheard in the British Virgin Islands

Upcoming Cruises & Events

[June Picnic, Friday June 8th – New Location - Annapolis](#)

Submitted by Norm and Chris Poulsen, Superb Hosts

Norm and Chris Poulsen will be hosting this year's June Picnic on Friday June 8th from 5:00 PM until dark.

For those who are planning on arriving by car, go to Rowe Boulevard in Annapolis and go north on Melvin Avenue (first red light from Route 50/301) and bear right to go to the end of Wardour Drive. There is adequate parking on the street or on the Poulsen's driveway. For those members who prefer to arrive by boat, you can spot our home on the south side of the Severn River between the Naval Academy Bridge and the Route 50 Bridge and looking for *Blue Moon* a Hylas 44 at their dock. The water along the Severn River can be a little choppy so anchoring in Weems Creek may be a better choice than the Severn River. We have a Boston Waller and will gladly provide dingy/shuttle service to Weems Creek. We will monitor channel 72, or you can call the house 410-437-8703 or cell 410-627-5190.

Our traditional June Picnic menu will be offered: a pleasant assortment of member provided covered dishes, salads and desserts accompanied by grilled hamburgers and hot dogs, soft drinks, and cold beer. Please bring a gluten free salad (G-J), heart healthy appetizer (K-Z), or dietetic side dish (A-F) (right, that'll happen); everything else will be provided by MRSA.

By June 5th please call 410-437-8703 or email to cnpoulsen@gmail.com to let us know that you will be coming.

Norm and Chris Poulsen, 20 Wardour Drive, Annapolis, MD 21401,

[SAILABRATION in Baltimore 13 – 19 June:](#)

[Marinas are Filling Up!](#)

By Myron Dorf, Cruise Leader

This is a **BIG DEAL!!** One of our planned cruises for this summer is the **SAILABRATION** in Baltimore. The Tall Ships and others will be arriving in Baltimore on or about 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.

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

Cruise to Annapolis, June 30-July 1, 2012

Submitted by Bob Krapfel, Cruise Co-Leader

After a hot and exciting Memorial Day Silly Olympics on the Wye River, we'd like to dial it back a bit with a quiet sojourn into Saltworks creek off the Severn at the end of June. The location is just a bit up the Severn past the first bridge, and on the left. Lat-long at the creek mouth is: 39-00'51" and 76-31'27".

Gabriella and I on *Paradox* will be anchored where the creek opens up to the south roughly 1000 meters in from the mouth. The entrance was thin last time we were there but once in it should be no problem for anyone who draws < 8'.

We won't be offended if the party animals want to hang out in Annapolis proper, but we're looking for relaxation and maybe a cool dip. BTW – The lat-long is from: To confirm please E-mail either gbelli@vt.edu or bkrapfel@umd.edu, or call Gab's cell (202-262-0617). We'll convene for hot/cold munchies at 5 pm on Saturday. Hope to see you there!!

Dog Day Afternoon – Saturday, July 14th – Eagle Cove

!!Attention Junior Sailors, Racers, Cruisers and New Sailors!!

Once again MRSA will be the scourge of Eagle Cove as we put together a raucous raft of sailboats, powerboats, dinghies, and other floating objects for a good time on a Saturday afternoon. Consider taking junior sailors or others new to sailing onto your larger boat (definition - anything with ballast in the keel) and sail to Eagle Cove just north of Gibson Island. Detour to Baltimore Light or elsewhere on the way and show the juniors the differences between keel and centerboard sailing. Prove to them that big boats don't capsize. Usually.

Blue Moon will be anchored in Eagle Cove at about 2:00 PM. Raft up for a cookout anytime between 2:00 and 6:00 and then sail back to your dock – or sleep over. MRSA will provide hot grills, dogs, buns, condiments, and drinks.

Contact Chris and Norm Poulsen with questions at cnpoulsen@gmail.com, or call 410-437-8703.

2012 MRSA Cruise Schedule

For more information on specific planned cruises, contact the cruise leader listed on the schedule. For any general information feel free to contact us directly, Myron and Sigi Dorf (410-255-8330), E-mail cruising@magothysailing.com. We wish you all a great summer of fun cruises. See you on the water!

Dates	Cruise	Cruise Leader
June 8 Friday	MRSA June Picnic – Severn/Annapolis	Norm and Chris Poulsen
June 15 – 17	Baltimore Sailabration - 1812 This is a BIG DEAL this year! Blue Angels, Tall Ships, Fireworks, Spectators – all out!	Al & Sue Kirkendall Ed & Peggy Poe
Jun 30-July 1	Annapolis	Bob Krapfel Gabriella Belli
July 14	Dog Day Afternoon – Eagle Cove	Norm & Chris Poulsen
July 28 - 29	Corsica River Race/Cruise Corsica River Yacht Club	Annette & Mike Mullarky

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**RESERVATIONS
 REQUIRED or
 REQUESTED FOR:**

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

PHOTO CREDITS:

Special thanks to Peggy Poe and all the people who will be taking pictures this year for The Old Man!

Aug 11 - 12	Miles River Lobster Fest	Joe & Diane Jackins
Aug 18	Picnic/ Cruise, Mil-Bur, Cornfield Creek	Myron & Sigi Dorf
Sep 1 - 3	Labor Day Cruise Lovely Bay, Langford Creek, Reed Creek	John & Debbie Lund
Sep 9 - 23	Long Cruise	John and Debbie Lund
Sep 15 - 16	Whitehall Creek	Mike & Laura Bonham
Sep 29 - 30	Mystery Cruise	Al & Sue Kirkendall
Oct 13 - 14	Bird Cruise - - -Swan Creek	Tony & Dee Torres
Oct 27 -28	Frostbite Cruise – Maryland Yacht Club	Myron & Sigi Dorf



Tall-Tales of Past Cruises and Events

Interesting Ports for a Long Cruise

Submitted by Sheryl and Wes McNair, long cruisers, winter of 2011-2012

On a recent trip on *Merlin*, we discovered two “new” cruising ports. Portsmouth and Cape Charles, VA. We will report on Portsmouth this month, and CC in a later edition of *The Old Man*.

Portsmouth

The lock master had given us information about a free dock in Portsmouth—sure enough, they have two. And, once there, two separate people came up and greeted us with separate welcome packets! The Mile Marker Zero ships store not only has lots of marine supplies, they have a courtesy shuttle for groceries, liquor, you name it. They also offer to order supplies by 10 a.m., and have them by 2 p.m. They have ice, and will refill propane. There is also a coffee and breakfast/lunch stand near the same free dock, and a large area (used for parties for the end of the Great Schooner Race) near the other free dock.

Portsmouth has really moved up in offering services to the cruiser. Apparently, state law requires facilities to supply electricity and pumpout services for overnighters—since these docks don't have those facilities, they can't advertise these docks for overnighting. And, there is a 48 hour docking limit.

We enjoyed, as usual, the Navy presence in this area. While walking along the waterfront, Wes noticed some swirling in the water, ahead of the ferry (crossings to Waterside every 30 minutes, \$1.50 each way). He thought they might be dolphins, and I dismissed that idea, saying it was just a boat wake. He was right, however, and we saw 4-5 dolphins swimming around the drydock facility housing the Navy ships. First dolphin sightings in a while! We also enjoyed walking around the historic district, and the Portsmouth Naval Hospital Park, learning that that was the very first Naval Hospital. There are some very pretty stone churches, that appear to have been built in the same style, even though they are each unique.

Although we missed the 7 p.m. show, the Commodore theater in town was highly recommended. It has been maintained in its original 1940s style, and also offers dinner! If we had stayed here another night, we would certainly check it out. (Tickets were \$7—cash.) Instead, we enjoyed one of several restaurants in town, The Bier Garten Restaurant, and had a taste of Germany. There is, in addition to the aforementioned coffee shop, and at least another one in town, a “European Bakery,” with daily bread specials, and wonderful almond croissants.

The lat/long to look up the Portsmouth Town Dock on Google Earth is: 36°50.126'N 076°17.808'W.

Not quite 80 degrees...

Submitted by Sheryl and Wes McNair – co-hosts with Eddie Looper

When *Merlin* got back from our 6 month cruise, the weather forecast for the April 28th Sockburning Cruise was for 80 degrees. By the time April 28th rolled around, the forecast was for 60 degrees, and rain! Despite the gloomy forecast, over 35 brave souls came out to kick off our sailing season in a fine fashion. The weather, and the fire department, cooperated to a degree—the ban on open fires was lifted because we'd had some rain, and the lack of hot, sunny days!

So, we were able to enjoy the nice bonfire provided by Eddie Looper, who also provided the gorgeous property venue. Besides *Merlin*, *Renaissance* and *Eighth Deadly Sin* attended the gathering—and, the Kirkendalls arrived by *dinghy*. Everyone else drove their land yachts, and appreciated the additional attention Eddie has given to eliminating the ruts and bumps in the road.

The fire, friendship, and fine food warmed us, and the attending kids found good, sturdy sticks with which to roast the marshmallows for the s'mores. Then, the socks were burnt to provide good luck for the sailing season, MRSA thanked Eddie Looper for providing the beach and pavilion at Broad Creek, and Commodore Debbie Lund reminded us of upcoming events.

The generous MRSA sailors provided a large bag of new socks to the Light House Support Shelter in Annapolis. Thanks to all who contributed!

Shakedown Cruise to Eagle Cove on the Magothy, May 12th

Beautiful sunny weather and sheltered water greeted the ten boats that participated in the Shakedown cruise to Eagle Cove on Saturday May 12th. The following boats attended Joanne & Bill Trepp - *Miss Curious*, Sheryl & Wes McNair - their *whaler*, Laura & Michael Bonham - *Frequent Flyer*, Peggy & Ed Poe - *Ravenous*, Sue & Al Kirkendall - *Flying Low*. Note the photo: how lucky are we to enjoy the Magothy?!!



Special Membership Notices and Announcements

An Alert from Marine Police – Stolen Power Cords

Submitted by Jon Mullarky, Past Commodore

In April and May, police have received reports of stolen power cords in the Middle River area. We have at least one incident where the suspects with power cables attempted to sell some power cables at a local scrapper.

Suggestions;

* Make sure boat owners mark their cable with names, addresses, t/p numbers, and other identifiable markings to identify your personal cables.

- * Report suspicious activities around your marina/boat yard.
- * Report any thefts occurring at your marina/boat yard, and encourage yard boat owners if they have been victimized to report their thefts in a timely manner.

The Baltimore County Police Dept. Pawn/Scrap Metal Unit is currently following up on any leads that develop. Thank you for Your Assistance.

Baltimore County Police Dept. Marine Unit 410-887-0279
3033 Strawberry Point Rd.
Middle River, MD 21220

Webmaster Sabbatical

Mike Mullarky, MRSA's efficient Webmaster, reports that he will be helping to deliver a boat from St. Thomas to the Chesapeake at the end of June, and will not have web or E-mail access during the trip. Expected departure is around 6/22, with an expected return around 7/8. If there's anything that you need posted/updated/fixed/changed, please keep this window in mind. How do we get in on these good deals?!

SAILABRATION 2012 – disruption of normal harbor activities

Submitted by Jon Mullarky, Immediate Past Commodore

The USCG is advising that the Port of Baltimore will be hosting the Star Spangled Sailabration 2012, an international maritime festival that will launch Maryland's three-year War of 1812 bicentennial efforts, from June 13, 2012 until June 19, 2012. This event will bring dozens of Navy vessels and tall ships from the United States and international navies to the port. In addition to a parade of sail and fireworks, an air show featuring a demonstration from the U.S. Navy Blue Angels is planned to be held in the vicinity of Fort McHenry National Monument and Historic Shrine, which temporarily will close portions of the main navigation channels. The increased activity associated with this festival will result in some disruption in and potential delays to normal port operations. Specific details on Coast Guard established safety zones and other waterway closures resulting from planned festival activities will be provided in newspapers and Local Notice to Mariners publications. For more info, please visit the Star Spangled 200 website at: http://www.starspangled200.com/events_list. Questions can be directed to USCG Baltimore Waterways Management Division at 410-576-2519.

On June 13th, 2012, an international flotilla of ships will sail into Baltimore Harbor for the Sailabration, a commemoration of the Bicentennial of the War of 1812 and the birth of our National Anthem, "The Star Spangled Banner." The week-long event will feature free public tours of the ships, waterside Sailabration villages, Navy band concerts, a fireworks show, crew parties, sports competitions, a Captains' Ball and an air show featuring the famous Blue Angels.

The outbound Parade of Sail is scheduled for Tuesday, June 19th.



Racing Corner

Magothy Wednesday Night Races started April 18th

Please contact Angelo Guarino at race_committee@magothysailing.com to get in on the excitement of this year's racing season. Sail safely out there and **be sure your crew knows man overboard procedures.**

[Race Report for May – please see next page](#)

Submitted by Angelo Guarino, Race Committee Chairman

1. Wed Night Racing is underway, with the first Series of 4 races completed by mid-May.
2. We are up to nearly 50 entries with all fleets well filled. This year we changed some of the fleet splits, combined the NS fleets and created a new 174 fleet.
3. RC committee assignments are almost completely filled for the season.
4. The Spring Classic went well.
5. I stirred up a minor "brew-ha-ha" regarding my decision to allow a non-PHRF 210 to race in C-Fleet and their given rating of 177 (to which the authority is provided to the RC Chair in the Wed Night SI's). For the time being, this issue seems to have passed, as in first 3 out of 4 races the 210 has raced the results have been close (no apparent advantage to the 210 at the given rating). The 210's involvement and rating will be closely monitored and adjustments will be made if deemed necessary.



Junior Sailing Program – Ages 9 - 16

Junior Training 2012 –

Parents Meeting Thursday, June 14, 7:30 PM

By Zoe Forsyth, Fleet Captain Junior Training

MRSA's Junior Training Sailing Course will be held at the Grachur Club on weekdays from June 18th through 29th, beginning at 8:30 am and finishing at 4:00 pm. Many of last year's Instructors will be returning, and preparations are ongoing to provide a fun and educational experience for young sailors. Returning sailors will see many friends from last year, and we shall also welcome a number of new children to the program.



Registration for this year's course is complete and there is a waiting list. **Parents of enrolled students should plan to attend the Parents Meeting on Thursday June 14 at 7:30 pm at Grachur**, to meet the Instructional staff and to learn about the course routine and what students will need to bring. Further information will be sent via E-mail and/or posted on MRSA's web site:

<http://www.magothysailing.com/bin/junior.php>.

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

Boat preparation – ALL IMPORTANT! will be at the McNair's boat storage area at 9:00 am on Saturday June 9. (Directions will be included in the forthcoming E-mail to parents of youngsters registered in the Sailing Program.) Last year we had a good turnout and finished in under 3 hours. Buckets and cleaning supplies will be provided, but you may want to bring drinks. Boat rigging and transport to Grachur will begin at 1:00 pm Sunday June 17. Any questions, contact fleetmaster@magothysailing.com.



Classified Advertisements

Pico Laser Sailboat Good condition asking \$999.
Please call Dave Blanch (H) 410-437-2212 (C) 410-294-7621

[24' 2007 SeaRay Sundancer Weekender](#). I/O, single engine Mercruiser with about 80 hours of mostly creek crawling. Like new condition. The cabin sleeps 4 (two have to be very non-claustrophobic), small galley with microwave, Vacuflush head, fresh water shower, water heater, air conditioner; GPS and VHF. Comes with an inflatable tube and inflatable life vests, plus the original orange life vests and has a full set of camper canvas that has only been installed once (to make sure it fit!). The price is \$38,500. The boat can be seen on the boat lift in front of the yellow house across Cockey Creek from Grachur/Camp Whippoorwill. Contact Cam Place at 757-229-7780 or cbplace@gmail.com.



Treasure the Chesapeake!

**Ev -'ry -thing is love -ly on the Ches -a -peake Bay,
All a -board for Bal -ti -more and if we're late they'll all be sore,
Now look here Cap -tain, let us catch the boat,
We can't swim and lis -ten, we can't float!**

- From *Sailing Down the Chesapeake Bay* **Music:** George Botsford,
Lyrics: Jean C. Havez, **Publisher:** Jerome H. Remick & Company, **Copyright:** 1913

J-30 Start

Photo below by Peggy Poe from the Committee Boat at the Spring Classic on the Magothy, May 2012.
Please do your part to restore the Bay and make it cleaner.



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