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Calendar of Upcoming Events

- August 10-11, Sat-Sun: St. Michael's Cruise and MRYC Lobster Feast .
- August 17, Sat: MIL-Bur Picnic Cruise
- August 31-2 Sep: Labor Day Cruise - and beyond! West River.
- September 2...: Long Cruise – from West River to Never-Never Land!
- September 28 – 29, Sat-Sun: Swan Creek Race – Over and Back, PLUS PARTY



Commodore's Comments – August / Mid-Summer Report



By Dick Paden, Commodore

July seemed to pass me by very quickly. Maybe because of the weather it seems like it has been overcast forever, or too windy to sail on the Bay, or too humid to sleep aboard, or raining, or just too hot to enjoy sailing. Standard July. Finally near the end of the month, a welcomed low pressure system brought the area record low summer temperatures; perhaps the best weather we have ever experienced for the Corsica River Race/Cruise.

MRSA's racers seem to have lucked out with relatively fair, mid-week weather for the Wednesday night races while our resilient and adaptive weekend cruisers overcame Mother Nature's Curve Ball one weekend by switching the Whitehall Bay Cruise to a Land Yacht Rendezvous. The cruise became a social event that attracted 36 including members of PSA and the Chesapeake Bristol Club to join MRSA at Mike's Crab House North. I am pleased that our inter-club cruising events are growing in attendance and being so well supported.

This year's Junior Training program was conducted in mid-July and held at the Grachur Club's facilities as in over a dozen previous years. Under Zoe Forsyth's direction the Junior Sailing Program was a great success; thirty-four junior's learned how to improve their sailing skills. Their parents were so pleased with their children's experience that two families asked if they could purchase one of our boats so their children could continue to sail throughout the summer. Thanks to everyone who contributed to this year's successful Junior Training Program.

We were all very sorry to learn of Marianne Kammann's accident but pleased to hear how Jeff and Kate Fones, Loura & Mike Bonham, and Rich Hughes rallied in a time of crisis to help Dick & Marianne. I spoke with Dick afterwards and was pleased to hear that Marianne is recovering and they are looking forward to a trip to Maine (by car) to visit Dick's brother.

In closing, Mike Bonham, MRSA's dedicated Ship Store steward has an existing inventory

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of merchandise that may be purchased very reasonably. Please make him an offer. Mike has worked diligently to select an on-line retailer to provide us a broad selection of MRSA monogrammed items that may be purchased on the internet. To view the new selection of merchandise please visit MRSA's web site, Ship Store page, then just click, On-Line Store; it is located just below Rich Hughes picture. I am sure you will be very pleased and appreciate the current offer of free shipping.

Enjoy sailing in August – but please be careful. PHOTO by Donna Paden: Commodore sailing to Langford Bay.



Upcoming Cruises & Events

[ST. MICHAEL'S CRUISE - August 10-11, 2013](#)

Submitted by Debbie Lund, Cruise Leader

Cruise to Longhaul Creek for the **Miles River Yacht Club's Lobster Feast**. Dinner is from 5-7 pm and music from 6-10 pm. The menu includes lobster, clams, shrimp, mussels, potatoes and corn on the cob. The price is \$30.00 in advance, \$35.00 at the door.

I will give the Yacht Club a list of MRSA members who are planning to attend the event. There is a limit of a total of 200 people and I know there are other groups who will be attending the feast. Please let me know ASAP if you are planning to attend this event by E-mailing me at dlund210@gmail.com or call me at 410-544-2551.

[AUGUST PICNIC/CRUISE MIL-BUR AUGUST 17](#)

Submitted by Myron and Sigi Dorf, Cruise Leaders

It may be the middle of August but there is usually a cool breeze blowing and we can promise you nettle-free swimming in the Milbur pool for our Cornfield Creek Picnic/Cruise. So plan to join us by boat or land on Saturday, August 17. So that we have an approximate idea of numbers for food **please RSVP to myrondorf@comcast.net or to 410-255-8330 by August 15.**

The on land activities and food will start at 1:00. The grills will be hot and busy with hamburgers and hot dogs by 2:00 and drinks are provided. Please bring a side dish, salad, or dessert to share with the group. Besides the food there will be swimming in the pool, games, kayaks, conversation, and, of course, lots of fun.

Cornfield Creek is a well-protected, secure anchorage just off the north shore of the Magothy near Gibson Island. Mil-Bur is at the opposite end of the creek from Gibson Island. Be sure to watch for the small can #1 after entering the creek and then look for the Mil-Bur community pier at the north end. If you are coming by boat and will need dinghy service or if you have any questions, email us at myrondorf@comcast.net or call 410-255-8330.

Land directions - take Rte. 100 to the end where it merges onto Mountain Road. Continue straight for about 3 miles and after passing the high school on the left the next right turn is Milburn Circle. Turn right and go straight to the clubhouse and pool.

[Labor Day Cruise to the West River - 31 Aug - 2 Sep](#)

Submitted by Mike & Laura Bonham, Frequent Flyer Cruise Leaders

Frequent Flyer will be hosting the Labor Day Cruise to Pirate's Cove in the West River, August 31 through September 2, 2013. Rumor has it that we will be able to view fireworks being held in nearby Rhode River.

Three restaurants are easily accessible if you chose to dine on land: Thursday's, Pirate's Cove and Big Mary's, the last of which has outside dining only – but always great guitarists (starts early and fills quickly and ends at 10 p.m.).

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Happy Hour will be Saturday at time to be determined by those attending.

Slips are available at Pirate's Cove Marina on a first come first served basis.

Please join us for this holiday cruise by responding by phone to 443-799-3813 or 410-340-5865 or E-mail to louradbonham@gmail.com.

[September Cruise - Labor Day ... West River ... to Baltimore!](#)

Submitted by Debbie Lund, Cruise Leader

The Lunds will be going on a two week September cruise starting Labor Day weekend in West River and ending in Baltimore with the MRSA cruise. If anyone wants to join us for 1 or 2 weeks, please E-mail us at dlund210@gmail.com or call us at 410-544-2551. We can all decide on where we will be going in August.

[Swan Creek Race Over and Back \(or Cruise\) - Sept 28 - 29](#)

Submitted by Wes McNair, fast cruiser

MRSA will hold a cruise to Swan Creek the weekend of September 28th and 29th, in conjunction with the Potapskut Sailing Association Rock Hall Race Weekend. MRSA members are encouraged to check out the race details and participate if desired, and all racers and cruisers will want to participate in the post-race party. A small party fee will be established for non-racers, and tender service will be available for the Haven Harbor site. More information will follow at a closer date, but advance notice is provided for anyone desiring to reserve a slip at Haven Harbor. Cruise leaders are Sheryl and Wes McNair, merln.hood38@gmail.com, or 443-949-2818.



Tall Tales from Past Cruises and Events

[Dog Day Afternoon](#)

Submitted by Peggy Poe, Top Dog

The Magothy River Sailing Association Dog Day Afternoon Cruise is "in the books." And although we jumped the gun and held our cruise in June, all other conditions seem to have been met for a proper "Dog Days" event. Eleven boats attended the cruise in Broad Creek on June 29th.

What, one asks, makes a proper Dog Days event? All the way back to Roman Times, the dog days have been celebrated or dreaded, as the case may be. The dog days of summer are most commonly experienced in July and August. The Romans sacrificed a brown dog at the beginning of the Dog Days to appease the rage of Sirius, believing that the star was the cause of the hot, sultry weather. Not to be outdone, we sacrificed 3 dozen brown dogs, otherwise known as frankfurters, with mustard, ketchup and relish.

In Roman times, the Dog Days were believed to be "evil." The "sea boiled, wine turned sour, dogs grew mad. All other creatures grew languid...."

Boiling Sea: On Saturday, we had a bit of chop at the mouth of Broad Creek and we decided to relocate the raft-up. There were lots of swimmers and no one reported boiling water.

Sour Wine: I think most of the participants were drinking beer and soda, but no one complained about sour beer or wine.

Mad Dogs: No dogs aboard on this raft-up

Languid Creatures: Now this one has some validity! All raft-up participants seemed happy and well fed after all the hotdogs and hors d'oeuvres were consumed and the swimming was finished.

Attending the cruise were: Myron and Sigi Dorf, Diane and Joe Jackins, Dolly and Fred Webster, Toni and Rich Hughes, Tony Torres, Sue and Wayne Winokur, Laura and Mike

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**RESERVATIONS
 REQUIRED or
 REQUESTED FOR:**

**Miles River
 Lobsters- to Debbie
 Lund, 410-544-2551
 – ASAP!**

**Mil-Bur Picnic
 Cruise – to Sigi Dorf
 – by Aug 15;
 410-255-8330**

**Labor Day Cruise –
 to Laura Bonham –
 by Aug 26**

**Long Cruise – to
 Debbie Lund – by
 Aug 19 (or sooner)**

**Baltimore – to Sue
 Kirkendall – by Sep
 4 – or sooner**

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 The Old Man!*

Bonham, Denise and Dave Pirone, Mike and Annette Mullarky, with Jon Mullarky, John Baumert and Talia Baumert, Mike and Tracey Schlegel with Lucy and C.J., and Ed and Peggy Poe with Jane Poe.

2013 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 and fall of safe, fun cruises. See you on the water!

Dates	Cruise	Cruise Leader
Aug 10 - 11	Miles River Lobster Fest	John & Debbie Lund
Aug 17 - 18	Picnic/ Cruise Mil-Bur Cornfield Creek	Myron & Sigi Dorf
Aug 31–Sept 2	Labor Day Cruise West/Rhode River Fireworks	Mike & Laura Bonham
Sept – Labor Day Start	Long Cruise Note: Change to Start Date – Labor Day	John and Debbie Lund
Sept 14 - 15	Baltimore	Al & Sue Kirkendall
Sept. 28 - 29	PSA Race Weekend Swan Creek	Wes & Sheryl McNair
Oct 5 - 6	Goose Cruise Goose Territory	Al & Sue Kirkendall
Oct 26 - 27	Frostbite Cruise Mike’s Crab House Rock Creek	Susan Sharkey & Robert Bell



Special Membership Notices and Announcements

--- Eastport Yacht Club Extends Reciprocity to MRSA ---

In Mid-March 2013, Mr. William Kocan, General Manager of the Eastport Yacht Club officially welcomed MRSA Members through a formal reciprocity agreement. This is an excellent arrangement for both clubs, especially MRSA Members who now can use the EYC facilities to tie up, and also use their restaurant facilities. **Please remember to take and show your new MRSA Membership Card when you visit EYC. Be sure to thank them when you visit!** MRSA Members may pay for meals by credit card.

MRSA Classifieds – good deals from MRSA Members

NOTE: If you see your ad here, and do not contact your Editor before 25 August to continue, July will be the last month it appears. (Except new J-30 ad.)

For Sale: 1983 J-30 (Encounter). Completely race equipped with Raymarine electronics for wind, depth & speed, and flux gate compass. Racing sails purchased in 2011 & 2012. Balto-plate bottom. Plan to sell at end of current season. Willing to have interested parties race with us on a Wednesday night race. (No, I am not just recruiting crew). If interested call 410-647-6492 or E-mail drewdowling@comcast.net.

Small Boat For Sale: 14' Newport built Skipjack #64 with Trailer. Pivoting keel, self bailing, main sail and jib. Asking \$500. Call Greg at 410-707-8631. ~ (_~~(_~(_~~

Gently Used Furniture Wanted: Wellness House, the Cancer support facility in Annapolis, needs gently used porch furniture and upholstered arm chairs and love seats for their living room. Please call 410-990-0941 or E-mail

info@annapoliswellnesshouse.org if you suitable furniture that you would like to donate. For more info about Wellness House, please visit: www.annapoliswellnesshouse.org.

Leftover Anti-Fouling Paint Wanted: Anti-Fouling Bottom Paint leftovers – any color, any amount. Needed to paint wooden pier ladders to repel barnacles. Please E-mail bpolkmd@yahoo.com.



Racing Corner

[Racing Every Wednesday!!](#)

[And enjoy the after race raft-ups](#)

Reminder: MRSA, PSA, Yacht Club of Cape Saint Claire and GIYS sponsor the Wednesday night races on the Magothy. Racers have to be a member of one of those 4 clubs in order to race. All racers are required to do a race committee. Gibson Island donates the use of boat house for party. PSA lets us use tables for party.... and MRSA officers organize, take care of marks and gear, and webmaster is the brains behind the scoring and the website, and of course plan and orchestrate the trophy party. Because it takes quite a while and \$\$\$ to become a member of PSA and Gibson Island (not sure about YCCSC) MRSA generally has more of the racers as members,

Sail fast; sail safe! And may the best boat win (unless yours is not the best boat, in which case, may you be luckier than that best boat)!

Please contact Angelo Guarino at race_committee@magothysailing.com for racing info.



Junior Sailing Program – Ages 9 - 16

[Junior Sailing 2013 – Wrap-Up – Y'all done good!!](#)

Submitted by Zoe Forsyth, Fleet Captain Junior Training & Junior Sailing Coordinator

At the Junior Training Sailing Program, which ran from July 8 through 19 at the Grachur Club on the Magothy, 34 young sailors improved their sailing skills, made new friends, and had lots of fun on water and on land. Program activities included a Regatta, the great Magothy River Watermelon Hunt, and a “cruise” to Cape Arthur beach for lunch and swimming. Four students achieved the rank of Skipper: Caroline Forsyth, Zak Hovey, Brendan Jones, and Josh Piccoli. At the Closing Ceremony, all students received their CBYRA Certificates from Head Instructor James Dougan, and then enjoyed a delicious picnic with their families. (Check the bailing bucket hat – next page. Photo by Debbie Eren. Hat by Clorox? – Ed)

Many MRSA folks gave generously of their time and energy and deserve credit for the success of this year's Program. Fleetmaster Ben Reed prepared and maintained the fleet, while Joe Tierney took care of registration and communications. Commodore Dick Paden facilitated arrangements with the Grachur Club; First Aid preparedness was provided by Annette Mullarky; and Mike Mullarky kept Website information up to date including the very important parent schedule. Sheryl and Wes McNair again generously made available their property for boat storage and pre-program preparation, and for the Closing Ceremony/Picnic. Both before and throughout the program, Rich Hughes provided invaluable expertise, assistance and support.

Thanks also to all parents and grandparents who willingly pitched in to help on their Parent Supervision day(s) and with boat preparation/de-rigging; your contributions were a key element in the program's success. Hopefully many Junior Training families will continue their involvement with MRSA activities throughout the year, and join us again for the

program in 2014.

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



*ANOTHER FUN AND EDUCATIONAL EVENT
FOR JUNIOR SAILORS - Wed, August 21*

Submitted by Zoe Forsythe, MRSA Junior Sailing Coordinator par excellence

The Storm Trysail Club-Chesapeake Station will hold a **Junior Safety At Sea Seminar** on Wednesday, August 21, 2013 from 0800-1700 at the Annapolis Yacht Club Junior Sailing Center. The seminar is open to ages 10 to 18, and has the goal of providing hands-on training not available elsewhere that will equip the junior to be a valued member of a big boat crew, and the experience to participate in offshore deliveries and Racing. U.S. Sailing Certificates will be presented upon completion.

This is a great opportunity for a full-day introduction to big boat sailing aboard 35-42 foot boats, and will have three separate teaching groups based on experience: 1. No big boat sailing; 2. Some big boat sailing; 3. Regular big boat sailing. Cost is \$30. **(This sounds like a super deal! Can I go too? - Ed)**

Contact stc.ches@gmail.com for more information.

STC Chesapeake Station may also sponsor a Junior Twilight (big boat) Race the following evening, 8/22/13. Get a boat and put together a crew of your buds for this official PHRF distance race around government marks. It starts at 5 pm and the course will be tailored to finish after dark with a post race social just like the best races in the Chesapeake. Trophies to be awarded dependent on number of entries.



Oh, By the Way

You want to go on the water, but once you get there, where do you go?

Submitted by Kathy Polk, inquiring mind, for inquiring minds

This and pressing questions can be answered locally on nautical adventures. The Thomas Point Shoal Lighthouse is available for tours. The “shoal lighthouse” (named because if were just Thomas Point, it would be on land) is owned by the city of Annapolis. Tours are conducted in the summer months through the U.S. Lighthouse Society Headquarters (415-362-7255 or jeff@uslhs.org). The cost is \$70 and includes boat transportation along with a knowledgeable docent or two. Most of the proceeds support the renovation and preservation of the 1875 National Historic Landmark. Tours depart from the water’s edge by the Annapolis Maritime Museum. The Polks recently enjoyed a tour given by Bert’s Sewanee classmate Bob Stevenson. Also joining us were another Sewanee classmate and his wife. Bob addressed MRSA a few years back explaining what is going on with the lighthouse restoration. Following the tour, we walked to Davis’ Pub to enjoy the fine local cuisine. Your editor is pictured with one solution to the “where to go” question.



Inside the light at the top. Red BEWARE!



Another recent nautical adventure included visiting the USNA Museum (Preble Hall 410-293-5467) as well as the 1812 Exhibit currently at Mitscher Hall. If you do not have a “base sticker”, both buildings are a short walk from the gate mid-campus off Maryland Avenue near the chapel and Officers’ Club. Both exhibits are well worth a visit. Displays educated this writer:

“Given the overcrowding of sailing men-of-war and the long periods they spent at sea, adequate sanitation was a necessity. Members of the ship’s company used ‘seats-of-ease’ located on the ship’s head to relieve themselves or they simply went over the sides while hanging on to the lower ends of the shrouds. Officers performed their daily ablutions

in the relative luxury provided by the enclosed quarter galleries at the ship's stern. Shaving was compulsory only twice a week, though few men wore beards."

"Rather than using a ship's sanitary facilities, most of the time members of the crew instead went to 'the chains.' This entailed climbing over the sides onto the channels ('chains') and grasping the lower ends of the shrouds. There they literally hung on for dear life while they relieved themselves directly over the sea below."

"Some ships (and museum models) were equipped with urinals called 'piss dales.'" The exhibit includes a model that is even lined with lead, mimicking real practice.

"The two square brow structures with a hole in the top situated directly abaft the ornate figurehead of Model No. 45 are what we would refer to today as 'heads' or toilets for the use of the crew. However, in the 1760s when this model was built they were known as 'seats of ease.' Enclosed 'roundhouses' at either end of the beakhead bulkhead were reserved for the ship's standing officers: the boatswain, the gunner, and the carpenter."

"No matter how impressive they appear from the outside, the primary purpose of quarter galleries was really quite humble: they housed private bathrooms for the exclusive use of admirals and ships' captains."

"...the lower deck served as living quarters for 'the people,' or the ship's company. It was here that the men slept in their hammocks when not on watch, and here that they ate their meals on tables interspersed among the guns. When in port, British sailors were forbidden to go ashore for fear they would desert. Confined to their ships, they were sometimes permitted to enjoy the company of local women on the lower deck, also called the gundeck – a practice that gave rise to the expression, 'son-of-a-gun!'"

More of Debbie Eren's Junior Training photos, plus two photos of the "cruise" to Mike's North by Peggy Poe.



Norm Poulsen & Dick Kammann contemplating a hot dog at the June Picnic at the Poulsens' – and the Bagpiper! Plus – Osprey in nest near the Bay Bridge – a common sight on the Bay each summer.
Photos by Kathv Polk



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Photo at Junior Sailing 2013 by Debbie Eren
Please do your part to restore the Bay and make it cleaner.