

PSA PATER



FEBRUARY 2009

The Next PSA meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 19th at the Timbuktu Restaurant off of route 100. Drinks starting at 6pm, dinner at seven, and business thereafter! This month's dinner will not be a buffet – rather a choice of two main courses *Crab Cake or Steak*, either for \$30.00. You will be expected to select your choice at dinner. Please RSVP by Feb 14th in order for the Commodore to reserve the correct number of seats.

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The January Board meeting was held at Andrea Gillespie's home in northern Baltimore County. Dinner was delicious. In attendance were: Andy Gillis, Brad Barnhart, Mike Wingate, Larry Morris, Andrea Gillespie, and Tim Edlund. Bill Paul was not able to make the meeting due to issues surrounding the recent passing of his mother. The meeting was called to order at 7:45pm.

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Secretary Tim Edlund distributed the minutes of the meeting of December 4th, which were accepted as presented.

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Treasurer Andrea Gillespie reported that, as of December 8th, our account balances are:

Checking	\$13,769.01
Savings	\$ 417.12
Jr. Sail	\$ 6,711.62
Reserve	\$35,219.32
TOTAL	\$56,117.07

It was noted that the increase is due to early billing of 2009 dues and to those many members who have already paid the amounts due.

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Fleet Captain Larry Morris reported that the last of the ice eaters have been installed. Boats in winter storage are tied up well, in general. A replacement oar has been installed on the oar house. The overhead shelf thereon will be remounted. Cleanup behind the Small Boat shed was needed. One old raft remains available. Two traffic signs are needed, in order to reduce traffic speeds, particularly on Wednesday nights. He intends that our race committee flags be placed in a proper container, and to replace those in poor condition. Also, he now has two shotguns for sound signals.

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Rear Commodore Mike Wingate reported that there will be a racing rules seminar sponsored by CBYRA Saturday February 21st and Friday March 6th, and a race management seminar on Saturday March 7th, at Eastport Y.C. The availability of on-line Registration for races was discussed; the consensus was to do it if the fees are not excessive. On-line payments are available, and Java scoring is also. The question "Should Trophies for the Queenstown Race Over be awarded that evening (if uncontested)?" was discussed. We decided this is a good idea, and such trophies will be awarded.

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Vice Commodore Brad Barnhart reported "no problems!" The propane gas system has been checked and tested o.k. The grill needs reworking. Braces need fixing, being warped. Adjusting screws are needed for leveling. It was determined to stick with charcoal, at least for the time being.

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Next up was Commodore Andy Gillis. Andy reported that he will attend the MRSA party in Annapolis, at a cost of \$60. Ellen Rockwood plans to sell her boat. Membership for herself and/or her children yet to be determined. Andy will follow up.

The Hangover Bowl January 1 at PSA had 55-65 in attendance, and was judged a success. Party management was discussed.

A letter from Life Member Richard Wagner was received, that urged that Life Members who keep boats at the club should assist the club with membership fees, in addition to fees levied for moorings, slips, and winter storage.

The financial reports and proposed budget were discussed, with the consensus that the proposed budget needed income augmentation. After discussion, it was decided to propose an increase in mooring and slip fees by fifty dollars plus two dollars per foot.

It was decided to include other trophy presentations at the Fall Party. Outsiders receiving trophies would be invited for the presentations. Remaining for the party would be open, assuming they choose to contribute to the cost thereof.

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The February Board meeting was held, after a delicious dinner hosted by Mike Wingate, at his home. The meeting was called to order at 8:07PM, the Vice Commodore presiding. In attendance: Brad Barnhart, Mike Wingate, Andrea Gillespie, and Tim Edlund. Absent: Bill Paul, Andy Gillis (trapped in Boston), & Larry Morris.

Secretary Tim Edlund distributed the minutes of the meeting of January 8th, which were accepted with minor corrections.

Treasurer Andrea Gillespie reported that, as of December 8th, our account balances are:

Checking	\$10,521.50
Savings	\$ 9,677.12
Jr. Sail	\$ 6,711.62

Reserve \$35,219.32
TOTAL \$62,429.57

Fleet Captain Larry Morris's report will be incorporated in these minutes when it has been received.

Rear Commodore Mike Wingate reminded us that corrected information about CBYRA and MRSA seminars in February has previously been distributed. Specifically:

CBYRA "Rules Seminar" at 9AM Saturday, Feb 21, at Annapolis YC, for 3 hours. \$35 members, \$50 non members. Terry Hutchinson (Rolex Yachtsman of the year) will be there.

MRSA "Rules Seminar" at GIYC March 6th. Drinks 5:30, start time 6:15. Dinner available after

CBYRA "Race Management Seminar" Saturday, March 8th at Annapolis YC, all day.

Jim Gary is on top of planning for the Junior Sail week. Alan Armiger has agreed to co-chair Junior Sailing. There will be an organizational meeting February 14th. Junior Sailing has volunteered to take over the chandlery. That offer was accepted, with the understanding that chandlery profits are considered to be used for club functions.

The CBYRA Green Book web site is expected to be up and running February 9th. February 23rd is the deadline for submission.

Vice Commodore Brad Barnhart reported that the house is calm, quiet, and secure. Two contractors (at least) are definitely interested in doing the project of fixing the men's room walls. The "Scope of Work" is in process.

The Commodore reported (via Email) receipt of a letter from Peggy Duer, relative to reversion to a single Senior membership for Marshall. The letter was accepted, and the Duer's membership status will be so altered, as requested. There was some discussion of her concern about how we calculate the appropriate age for Life membership when one spouse has less time as a member versus age.

A sample Summer Mooring Reservation form was submitted and discussed. It was decided that the fee for dinghies would be raised to \$20, regardless of the place stored.

The Board determined to propose Dick & Leslie White for Family membership at the February 19th membership meeting, following the minimum period on the waiting list. A Proxy form is included with this Patter.

The following membership census was presented by Brad Barnhart:

Associates	17	
Friends	29	
Junior	8	(two turn 27 in June - we await applications for Senior status)
Life	18	
Non-Resident	16	
Senior/Family	95	Congratulations to Jill Porter and Kevin Dunn, both elected to membership in January)

New Business: Committees. Ideas for increasing involvement by members was discussed. Mike Wingate indicated his willingness to continue involvement in the Entertainment Committee.

Please mark your calendar for the St Paddy's Day Party. See the attached flyer for more details!

Special Thanks are due to Ed Poe, serving as our representative to the Blackhole Creek Association. Ed attended the Magothy Watershed Conference and took great notes, which he synopsized into two pages of great info on the River and our Creek. That document will be available for members at the February meeting. Check out the Black Hole Creek Environmental Conservancy Website: <http://www.blackholecreek.org/index.html>

If you have not been receiving PSA information please let Secretary Tim Edlund know how we can get Patters and other Club publications to you. It seems that every mailing or email produces some dead-ends or returned mail. Bring us up to date! Once we have your email address – then we will be able to get info to you much more quickly. Pete Bishop sends out our Email info as well as the request for RSVP's for the Club meetings and gatherings. Have you joined the PSA **MyFamily** site yet? Send an email to administrator Alan Armiger at aarmiger@comcast.net and request that he send you an invitation to join. This site is very easy to navigate and learn – you can even share photos and ideas, as well as get info on the Club's activities. An idea has recently been proposed that we have an annual contest for "best photo". Share your thoughts about this idea with a flag officer.

Oh, Spring! Please Hurry!!

The Not So Ancient Mariner

**Come Celebrate
St. Paddy's Day
at PSA!!**



**Sunday, March 15, 2009
Top 'o the Morning (12:00 noon)**



**Please bring a dish to share
with our Ham, Potatoes & Dessert**



Kindly RSVP by March 8

PSAEntertainmentCommitee@verizon.net

**Dennis Dunn 410-461-1715
Karen Dodsworth**



2009 Activity Schedule

January		
1	Thursday	Hangover Bowl
15	Thursday	General Meeting @ 6:00pm @ L'Hirondelle Club in Ruxton
February		
19	Thursday	General Meeting @ 6:00pm – TimBukTu Restaurant
21	Saturday	Kids Cruising Meeting @ PSA – 2:00pm
March		
1	Saturday	Club Race Officer Seminar
15	Sunday	St Patties Day Brunch Party @ 1:00pm at PSA
19	Thursday	General Meeting @ 6:00pm @ TBD
28	Saturday	Spring Work Party
April		
16	Thursday	General Meeting @ 6:00pm @ TBD
25-26	Fri-Sat	Early Bird Cruise to Cheshire Crab on Bodkin Creek - (Coordinator: Jim Demerest)
May		
2	Saturday	Spring Party Bull Roast @ PSA - 5 PM
9	Saturday	Jr Sail Prep
9	Saturday	Full Moon
9	Saturday	MRSA Spring Classic Race
22	Friday	General Meeting @ PSA Clubhouse (Friday)
23-25	Fri - Mon	Memorial Day Weekend Cruise – TBA
30	Saturday	Jr Sail Boat Prep
June		
6	Saturday	Jr Sail Boat Prep
7	Sunday	PSA Annual Appreciation Day/ 71 st Year Celebration with Cookout @ PSA @ 12N
7	Sunday	Full Moon
13	Saturday	Jr Sail Boat Prep
20	Saturday	Jr Sail Boat Prep / River Cruise – Eagle Cove/Corn Field Creek
21-26	Sun - Fri	Junior Sail Week Coordinator: Jim Gary, IV
27	Saturday	PSA Overnight Race
July		
3-5	Fri-Sun	Independence Day Cruise
7	Tuesday	Full Moon
11	Saturday	MRSA Race to Baltimore
26	Sunday	MRSA Corsica River Race
August		
6	Saturday	Full Moon
8	Saturday	Crab Feast @ PSA (6:00pm)
15-16	Sat - Sun	Family Cruise - Coordinator – Larry Morris
September		
4	Friday	Full Moon
5-7	Sat-Mon	Labor Day Cruise - TBD
18	Friday	General Meeting @ 6:00pm @ PSA Clubhouse (Friday!)
19-20	Sat - Sun	Queenstown Race & Return
October		
4	Sunday	Full Moon
15	Thursday	Annual Meeting @ 6:00pm @ TBD
17-18	Sat-Sun	Alberg 30's Regatta
November		
7	Saturday	Fall Work Party
14	Saturday	Fall and Trophy Party
19	Thursday	General Meeting @ 6:00pm @ TBD
21-23	Fri - Sun	Guys Cruise (Coordinator – Jim Demerest)
December		
5	Sunday	Alberg 30's Picture Night
12	Saturday	Annual Dinner Dance – TBA
January 2009		
1	Tuesday	Hangover Bowl @ PSA

Hey guys,

Last weekend (not the most recently past or the Super Bowl weekend but the previous one--Time flies!) on Jan 24th and 25th I attended the Magothy Watershed Conference at the Gibson Island Day School. The speakers were EXCELLENT! The food was OK. The program was long--from 8:30--5:00 on Saturday and from 12:30 to 5:00 on Sunday. I was tired by the end of each day. We had excellent speakers, engineers, who gave us good information about the condition of our Magothy watershed and the 17 sub-watersheds that included our Black Hole Creek watershed.

Some of the high points that I thought were important:

1. Last year we discussed our need for an expensive engineering assessment and master plan for our Black Hole Creek watershed. This has been done by the Maryland Dept of the Environment (MDE). There is now a Magothy Watershed Master Plan, and the master plan for the Black Hole Creek watershed will be completed this year. It will be available to us. We don't have to do that ourselves or at our expense.
2. Black Hole Creek has its problems, but it has the fewest problems and is the healthiest watershed on the river. For that reason, it has the lowest priority for restoration. Cypress Creek is in the worst condition, and, accordingly, is the highest priority for restoration. The more highly populated south shore generally is in the worst condition. Black Hole Creek on the other hand, surrounded by forested land, is top priority for preservation.
3. Stormwater Pollution and Solutions--Tom Schueler--Excellent Presentation. Reduce runoff wherever possible. Minimize impervious surface. Keep and plant trees and shrubs, vs lawns. Forest soil is porous; lawn soil is compacted. "Save the swales!" Amend soils with compost. Let gutters drain into filtration pits, rain barrels, or rain gardens, so that it can seep into the river slowly, vs running off quickly. In order for AA County to renew its stormwater permit with the EPA next year, they will have to improve their existing impervious development (reduce runoff) by 20%. Expect lots of rain gardens around parking lots, storm sewers, streets, etc. There will be grants.
4. Living Shorelines--Kevin Smith--MDE--Really good presentation. The Magothy shoreline is 67% armored with bulkheads, walls, and rip-rap, etc. DNR has grant money to help property owners rebuild and soften shorelines with fringe marshes that will prevent erosion and create habitat for little critters.
5. Critical Areas Program--Mary Owens--Critical Areas Commission--Great Presentation. This program was started by Gov Harry Hughes as the Chesapeake Bay Critical Area Act of 1986. The critical area includes all land within 1,000 feet of the water, not just the 100 foot buffer. It had the goal of minimizing adverse impact on water quality from runoff. It got new teeth, with big fines and penalties, last summer with a new 47 page law, HB 1253, which became effective on 7/1/08. A 200 foot buffer will be required for all new development. Non-structural (living shoreline) measures will be required, rather than bulkheading.
6. Septic Systems--Jay Prager--Pretty boring, but there is grant money to pay 100% of the cost of replacing an old septic system with the new state of the art system that removes nitrogen. This is just sitting in a bank account, because there is so little activity due to the economy. "Money is sitting in the bank. Anybody who applies for a grant gets it." PSA and the Grachur Club could probably benefit and help reduce the amount of nitrogen that goes into the creek and river. We were required to replace our old septic system with one of these systems when we remodeled our house on the water. Those interested should apply to the AA County Health Dept.
7. Oyster Restoration--Mark Luckenbach--Virginia Institute of Marine Science of the College of William and Mary--Excellent Presentation. The goal by 2010 is a 10 fold increase in oysters baywide through reef rehabilitation and sanctuaries, also the development of aquaculture. The goal is not to be in the wild fishery business. Aquaculture is the present and the future, and it is working. NGO's, community groups, and homeowners are generally raising oysters on a very small scale, but oyster aquaculture is already a \$50 million/year business in Virginia. Gov. O'Malley has called for more aquaculture in Maryland. Our goal is to improve water quality. Oysters do have an impact, but they won't clean up the bay. It's OUR job to clean up the water--not the

oysters. They can help, but not as much as other things. (People growing oysters have the question "Why couldn't we eat our oysters?" Then they found out which of their neighbors had the leaky septic systems.) The Asian oyster? Not a silver bullet solution. It has other problems, and is not likely to be viable. The best oyster for the Chesapeake Bay is the native oyster.... according to the EPA, the Ches Bay Foundation, the Va Inst of Marine Science, the Univ of Md, the Md Oyster Advisory Commission, the Sierra Club, etc.

8. The Anne Arundel County Watershed Plan--Janis Markusic and Hala Flores, Terrific Presentation! The Magothy watershed includes 30 square miles of area, 70 miles of streams, and 17 sub-watersheds. After 200 years of urbanization, "we have met the enemy and it is us!" Urbanization and population leads to impervious surfaces. The Magothy watershed is 21% impervious, subject to significant stormwater runoff, carrying silt and pollutants, which impare the ability of the creeks and the river to support healthy populations of bugs, critters and fish. Watershed management begins at home. Rain takes trash, chemical pollutants, and silt into the water. It's best when rain can seep into the ground, and from there, seep slowly into the river from groundwater. In that case, most of the damage doesn't happen. Plants and critters aren't silted over and suffocated with muck.

There are five categories of impairment that affect the Magothy and our Black Hole Creek watershed: Bacteria, Biological, Nutrients, Sediments, and Toxics. In Black Hole Creek, our water has little bacterial or toxic contamination, but we do have problems with nutrients and sediments, which lead to biological impairment--that is, our creek's habitat is very poor for the support of benthic and anadromous critters that are necessary for a robust fish population. The most impervious land is around private homes; next is public roads. Reduce lawns (compacted soil)! Plant trees and shrubs (forest soil is porous and absorbs rainwater)! Storm water and septic systems are the Magothy's biggest problems, and the storm water effect is far worse than the gradual seepage from septic systems.. No public sewage disposal systems drain into the Magothy, but they are far more efficient than septic systems for removing nitrogen from the effluent water. (Septic systems leave 40 grams of nitrogen per 100 liters of water vs. 3 grams of nitrogen per 100 liters of water from a sewage disposal plant.)

9. Opportunities for Action:

--Get to know your watershed. Join the Magothy River Association and Mark your calendar for Wednesday, February 18th, 6:30pm, and attend the State of the Magothy Meeting at AA Community College, Calt Building, Room 100. Attend monthly meetings on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at the Whitehurst Community Clubhouse.

--Volunteer for the Creek Watchers Program. Use the Creek Watcher as a "go to" person. Develop a network within the Magothy River Association.

--Use minimal quantities of slow release lawn and garden fertilizers or use compost rather than, for example, cheap instantly-soluble high nitrogen urea.

--Reduce runoff. Learn about storm water management methods. Find out where storm water comes from. Slow it down or stop it before it gets to the creek or river--parking lots, streets, rooftops, sloping lawns? Identify hot spots and problem areas. Work within neighborhoods and community groups to plant trees and native plants (The county gives out free or low cost seedlings.) Build retention devices such as rain gardens and filtration pits. Sponsor cleanups--AA County will provide dumptrucks and dumpsters on the 1st Saturday in April--Earth Day. Increase native plant buffer areas adjacent to the water. Where can you get native plants at affordable prices? AA County, Maryland Dept of Agriculture, Upper Marlboro Nurseries, Homestead Gardens, and Cabano's Perennials (2/3 prices)

Best regards,

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Return this form to:

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PROXY FORM for the PSA General Membership Meeting
of February 19, 2009

I hereby authorize Tim Edlund, Secretary of the Potapskut Sailing Association, to enter the following vote in my name at the meeting of February 19, 2009.

Or I hereby authorize _____ to cast my vote on the attached resolution at the meeting.

The Board proposes Richard and Leslie White for Family Membership.

Approve: _____

Oppose: _____

Signed: _____ Date: _____

PSA SUMMER 2009 MOORING FORM

Please mail this application and check to:

Larry Morris
514 Hodges Lane
Severna Park, MD 21146

Return by MARCH 19, 2009

Member Name:

Emergency tel #:

Insurance Co:

Policy Number:

Policy Period:

	BOAT NAME	MAKE	LENGTH	SLIP	MOORING	WET RAFT	DRY RACK	FIXED FEE	SEASON FEE
FOR			(in feet)	multiply (feet X \$10.00)	multiply (feet X \$8.00)	multiply (feet X \$5.00)	multiply (feet X \$5.00)	(per boat) add to length fee	ADD (fixed + per foot fee)
Slips								\$ 75.00	
Moorings								\$ 75.00	
Floating Racks				USE THIS LINE FOR MIDSIZE BOATS (ex: Flying Scot, Daysailors etc on floating docks)				\$ 75.00	
Dry Racks				USE THIS LINE FOR MIDSIZE BOATS (such as Force 5s, Sunfish, Laser 2s)					\$ -
Use the lines below for dinks only please									
Dinks				Use this line for dinks for BOATS IN SLIPS				\$ 20.00	
Dinks				Use this line for dinks for BOATS ON MOORINGS				\$ 20.00	
Other Boats				USE THIS LINE FOR OTHER BOATS				\$ 20.00	
								TOTAL:	

Permission is hereby granted to the Harbormaster and Flag Officers of PSA and their designees to board or move my boat or handle its lines when deemed necessary to protect person or property from injury.

Date my boat will return to PSA ->

Please have your boat ready to be moved with appropriate lines & fenders. We recommend owners be present work party day when boat is moved.

For use by Fleet Captain and Harbormaster	
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Member Signature: