

# the Tell-Tale

January 2002

Blue Marsh Sailing  
Association  
PO Box 6026  
Wyomissing, PA 19610  
Contact us:  
610-372-5633 Ext. 3304



## UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Looking for a New Year's resolution you might actually keep? How about learning more about sailing? There's always more to master.

One of the most important and basic skills is learning the language. Knowing what to call things and how to ask correctly for tasks to be carried out can make a big difference if something has to be done in a hurry while under sail. Years ago, when we were in graduate school, Alex and I sailed almost every weekend on the Bay with a friend who owned a 27-foot sailboat. He insisted that we call a line a line and a sheet a sheet and that we knew the difference. This helped immensely when we began sailing on our own.

Knowing sailing jargon can make the rest of life interesting too. Alex recently read *Fire on the Water* by David Poyer, whose nautical fiction is required reading in the U.S. Naval Academy's Literature of the Sea course. Some passages that Alex shared with me would

be unintelligible to someone not familiar with sailing terms. We enjoyed interpreting, "When you must shorten sail, first get your helm over to weather . . . you need to reduce sail aft to make sure you can fall off once you're reefed."

Other skills, like knot tying, can be helpful in situations besides sailing. A good bowline or square knot is often useful around the house. Understanding weather patterns and cloud formations is an all around useful talent. Many of the skills you need to sail are like that, - they come in handy.

If you haven't made that resolution, think about doing so. We have several training opportunities in 2002 including a day with the Philadelphia Sailing Club, courses offered by the Power Squadron and a BMSA sponsored training weekend in May.

Opportunities are there. All we have to do is take them.

*Joan Whan  
Commodore*

Our January General Meeting will include a group of BMSA members in a panel discussion about their sailing adventures over the past few years. Come out and hear tales told by John Didyoung, Sandi Bukowski, and Alex and Joan Whan.

In February we will have a special wine and cheese party in honor of Valentine's Day. Come out and enjoy a program hosted by home wine-maker Patricia Carvalho as she discusses the how and why of making your own wine. We will also discuss how to choose the appropriate wine for your special occasion. Bring your favorite wine and cheese along to share and discuss.

Our March program will be a special presentation by a local lifelong sailor, Greg Myers. Greg spent most of his teenage years aboard a boat and has sailed all across the globe with his family. He will be discussing what it was like during this time and what effect it has had on his life.

*Joanne Solarek  
Program*

### Inside this issue:

Board Minutes	2
Membership Renewal	3
Navigation Class	3
Where Were You	4
Waterman for the Day	5
Events Calendar	6
CBYCA	6
2002 Schedule	7
Nautica	8
Christmas Party Pictorial	9

### Events for January

- Thursday 1/10  
General Meeting featuring High sea adventures.
- Monday 1/14  
Board Meeting
- Saturday 1/26  
Atlantic City Boat Show.

Visit our website at <http://hometown.aol.com/kristela/myhomepage/club.html>

Meetings are held at the Lower Heidelberg Fire Company  
the second THURSDAY of each month unless otherwise announced.  
(7:30 Social, 8:00 Meeting)