

the Tell-Tale

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I attended the February Chesapeake Bay Yacht Club Association (CBYCA) meeting at Bodkin Yacht Club as did our current delegate, Russ Witzke, and other members of BMSA. I hadn't been to one in seven or eight years so I found the pageantry fascinating.

The room we met in was decorated with at least seventy colorful burgees, including ours. There were about a dozen officers, all in quasi-military uniforms, sitting at the head table. The CBYCA burgee was displayed along with eight flags representing officers. Roll call was taken and each delegate stood to state their name, club and office and to introduce their guests. This was a well-attended, serious event with about a hundred and fifty people representing boating organizations in Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Virginia.

The chaplain's message included a statement about CBYCA being one group of

many clubs sharing the same mission - to protect and preserve the glorious Chesapeake. What a wonderful mission! I am so proud that our club is part of this proactive, foresightful organization dedicated to saving a significant natural resource which provides us with so much pleasure.

BMSA joined CY-BCA in 1994. Like most good things, our membership came about by group effort. Although others played minor roles, we largely have to thank Tom Stoner, Conrad Vanino and Alex Whan for leading the endeavor. Synergy resulted in getting our application submitted and approved.

Our membership gives us the opportunity to use the facilities of other CY-BCA docks, clubhouses and swimming pools. Some past cruises and vagabonds have been enhanced by visits to fellow clubs located on the Bay. We also have access to other clubs further afield. For example, several of us have gained entrance to

the private and prestigious San Diego Yacht Club by showing our BMSA cards which bear the CBYCA logo.

Another perk of belonging is that we have a voice in what happens to the Bay. CBYCA is respected by the Maryland legislature which makes many decisions effecting use of the Chesapeake and environmental issues surrounding it. Synergy at work again! By joining and working with a group with similar goals we are in a better position to do our part in saving the Bay.

*Joan Whan
Commodore*



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Events For March

- Thursday 3/14:
General Meeting, featuring growing up aboard a sail boat
- Saturday 3/16:
St Patty's Day Trivial Pursuit Party
- Monday 3/18:
Board Meeting

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)

Minutes of the March Board Meeting

February 18, 2002

The meeting was called to order by Commodore Joan Whan, at 7:35. Attending were Joan and Alex Whan, Kristel and Mike Adair, Russ Witzke, Dick Durofchalk, Dennis and Kathy Arentz, Ray Hemphill, John Hackman Joanne Solarek, and Lou and Betty Brown.

Minutes from the January meeting were read, start time changed from 8:35 to 7:35 and accepted.

Treasurer:

Our balance is \$4,558.45 as of February 17. In addition there is \$699.09 in escrow from the Venture Crew. The report was discussed and accepted.

CBYCA:

Russ Witzke Delegate to CBYCA reported on the February 16 meeting of the CBYCA delegates at the Bodkin Yacht Club. Russ Witzke, Joan and Alex Whan, Mike Adair and Armando Antonini attended. Proposed changes to the Maryland boating registration fees were outlined by Russ and discussed.

Chaplain:

The Board approved a \$25 donation to the charity of choice for recently deceased member Jim Kileen.

Equipment:

The registration renewal for the club boat trailer was received and will be acted on by Dennis Arentz.

Historian:

No report

House:

No report

Library:

No report

Membership:

Kristel Adair report that the club membership is currently 152. The Fire Hall membership count in BMSA is 45. The log is being produced and printing/copy prices are being reviewed. Joanne Solarek mentioned that Berks Career and Technology Center Print shop provides services at very reasonable rates. Kristel will follow up. The goal is to distribute the BMSA Log at the March membership meeting.

Program:

Joanne Solarek reviewed the upcoming programs. The March speaker will be Craig Meyers who for much of his youth lived on a sailboat and did blue water sailing. April is planned and John Hackman will present the May program

Publicity:

Ray Hemphill reviewed the cost estimates for the implementation and maintaining a dedicated BMSA web site. Estimated cost would be \$130 per year. After discussion it was agreed that Ray will e mail a visual package concerning the web site to the Board and Committee Chairs for their review.

Race:

No report

Safety:

No report

Social:

Alex reported that 25 members will be attending a Read-

ing Royals Hockey Game on February 23.

Stores:

Kathy Arentz reported that \$26 was taken in at the February meeting glass sale. She is placing an order for items with BMSA Logos.

Tell-Tale:

John Hackman reported the purchase of the years paper supply. John also noted that the Berks County Conservancy is providing copying machine time in exchange for acknowledgment in the publication.

Training:

No report

Vagabond:

Alex Whan reported that four dates for vagabonds have been set and locations selected pending confirmation of facilities. The Vagabond Committee is Mike Dougherty, Russ Marker, Larry Seward, Tom Stoner and Alex Whan

Fleet Captain:

Mike Adair stated that six or seven boats have expressed interest in the spring cruise. Antigua is the destination of the BMSA 2003 adventure. He has been in contact with Pat Huntley. 30 members have expressed interest in the beach club and day sailing format at the Sun-sail Resort.

New Business:

CBYCA is sponsoring a Walk-A-Thon to support the Johns Hopkins Parkinson's Disease Center on April 21. The origin is the Eastern Yacht Club destination the Crescent Yacht Club. Transportation back is by boat.

Sally Koch, BMSA member

and Secretary Emeritus was named Wilson School District Teacher of the Month.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55pm.

Respectfully submitted,

*Alex Whan
Acting as Secretary*

St Patrick's Trivial Pursuit Party

When: Saturday, March 16, 7 P.M.

Where: Schoellkopf's Stube, a.k.a Fritz's Barn.

Directions: Pricetown Road (Route 12) east from Reading. Turn right at the first right past the Alsace Manor Fire Company at Antietam Road. You turn after the Sunoco Mini-market. Go about 200 ft and turn left at the stopsign on to Old Oley Road. Follow Old Oley Road for one mile, turn left into driveway that is opposite Bull Road.

Details: An evening of fun and games. Wear green for St. Patrick's Day Eve. Bring your own booze and snacks to share. Prizes will be awarded to the winning team. You don't have to be Einstein to have fun. Questions will be easier than last year! Coffee, soda and hot dogs will be provided.

*Phyllis Didyong
Social*

GPS Rally Update

Only one month away to the first outdoor BMSA event of the year, the annual GPS rally. This is your opportunity to dust off the old GPS, maybe change the batteries, and practice those skills before the boating season gets underway. We will be starting early enough so that we won't be spending so much time after dark, and because we have our dinner scheduled to start at 6:00 PM (6:30 PM the latest). Remember, way points will be listed in random order, so you will have to determine your own most efficient route. Winners will be based on the number of correct answers, with the shortest distance traveled being used as the tie breaker.

Date and time: Saturday 6 April 2002, meeting at 3:00 PM, casting off by 3:30 although you may leave whenever you are ready.

Meeting place: N40 deg 18.474' W075 deg 58.935' - Starting point: Berks Co. Bank opposite "Big K" and "Weis Market"

Cost: No charge for event. Food and drink can be purchased at the final meeting place.

Although reservations for this event are not necessary, for planning purposes, and to firm up our dinner reservations, we would like to know if you will be participating. If you have organized a car full you may sign up as a group. If you need riders or don't have a GPS, please give us a call and we will match you up.

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Sailing the Web

Welcome to this months sailing the web links list:

- www.homestead.com/wallabycreek/wallabycreek.html— Here is the story of an Australian fellow who found a way to live the dream life as a cruiser.
- www.smallcraftadvisor.com/ — This page is the place to learn about a new sailing magazine devoted to small boats. It has some sample articles, but the magazine is a subscription.
- www.golantgaffer.co.uk/ — Last this month is a small boat for the traditionalist boat lover and those of us ambitious enough to build their own gaffer.

If you have a favorite sailing related website let the editor know so it can be included in future issues.

**"Everyone will be famous
for 15 minutes"**

Andy Warhol

**This month we highlight
two of our members going
for their 15 minutes**

Sally Koch Earns Teacher Award

The following article appeared in the February 2002 issue of *Wilson's Pride*, the newsletter of the Wilson School District:

Wilson Teacher Earns Local Award

Sally Koch, an Intermediate Autistic Support Teacher at West Wyomissing Elementary School, won the *About Families Parenting Newsletter* Teacher of the Month Award for February.

Jessie Lorah, a student in Mrs. Koch's class, wrote a letter of nomination and sent it to the Award committee. Craig Zerr, West Wyomissing Elementary School Principal, said that Jessie's letter to the committee was impressive.

"It was all Jessie's idea to nominate his teacher for this award. It shows the respect and admiration that all of Sally's students have for her," Mr. Zerr said.

"She makes every student feel special," Jessie said in the letter. "She makes coming to school a joy!"

I thought the members of BMSA who are not in the Wilson District would enjoy knowing about Sally's award.

Evelyn Marker

Ray Hemphill goes for the Gold

The following article was summarized from an article in the Saturday, February 23, *Reading Eagle & Times*:

Ray Hemphill was our only club member to participate in the recent Winter Olympics. He did this indirectly through his position as a metallurgist at Carpenter. Ray served as a consultant for the US men's bobsled team as they choose steel alloys produced by Carpenter for use as sled runners. The four man bobsled also had runners made from Carpenter alloys and the snow conditions would determine if they were used. This is Ray's second Olympics as he previously consulted for racing bikes used by the men's cycling team in the 1996 Summer Olympics in Atlanta.

John Hackman

Events Schedule for 2002

APRIL

6	Saturday	GPS Rally
11	Thursday	General Meeting
15	Monday	Board Meeting
20	Saturday	Lake Clean-up
27	Saturday	Training Day
28	Sunday	Sail to Bernville

MAY

4	Saturday	Hike & Lunch Social
5	Sunday	Bay Bridge Walk
9	Thursday	General Meeting
11	Saturday	Day Sail
13	Monday	Board Meeting
18	Saturday	Race #1 Kickoff
31-6/2	Fri-Sun	Spring Cruise Rendezvous

JUNE

1-2	Sat-Sun	Spring Cruise Rendezvous
9	Sunday	Water Safety Festival
13	Thursday	Picnic USCGA
15-16	Sat-Sun	Vagabond #1
17	Monday	Board Meeting
22	Saturday	Race #2 Regatta

JULY

11	Thursday	Picnic USCGA
13-14	Sat-Sun	Vagabond #2
15	Monday	Board Meeting
27	Saturday	Race #3

AUGUST

8	Thursday	Picnic USCGA
12	Monday	Board Meeting
17	Saturday	Race #4
24-25	Sat-Sun	Vagabond #3

SEPTEMBER

12	Thursday	General Meeting
14	Saturday	Social TBA
16	Monday	Board Meeting
20-22	Fri-Sun	Fall Cruise Annapolis

OCTOBER

5	Saturday	Annapolis Boat Show
10	Thursday	General Meeting Photo Contest
12-13	Sat-Sun	Vagabond #4
14	Monday	Board Meeting
19	Saturday	Race #5 Turkey Race
26	Saturday	Square Dance Halloween Party

NOVEMBER

9	Saturday	Commodore's Ball Crystal Spring
11	Monday	Transition Board Meeting

DECEMBER

6	Friday	Christmas Party
7	Saturday	Baltimore Boat Parade
9	Monday	New Board Meeting
14	Saturday	Annapolis Boat Parade

Upcoming Programs

At our March program we will have a special presentation by Craig Meyers. Craig spent most of his teenage years with his family living aboard a boat sailing across the globe. He will be discussing what it was like during this time and what effect it has had on his life.

Our April program will a discussion of Celestial Navigation presented by Tom Wolfinger. Tom is a former Air Force Captain and is active with the Boy Scouts. He will discuss the ideas behind navigating by using celestial objects.

Finally in May our Tell Tale editor John Hackman will discuss what it takes to build your own boat. John will explain why he decided to undertake the project, what he learned from it and whether he'll do it again. Weather permitting John plans on having the boat along for viewing and may give a demonstration in tool usage.

In June, July and August we will return to our summer venue of evening picnics at the Coast Guard Auxillary building on River Road.

*Joanne Solarek
Program*

Blue Marsh Sailing Takes to the Ice

Ice boats are the one type of sailboat that has never been sailed by a BMSA member. So, the club decided to rectify that shortcoming on February 23 by en-mass observing a frozen body of water. Twenty-five(25) members of the club attended a Reading Royal's game against the Trenton Titans to see if frozen water holds any promise.

Well, indeed it did. The house was packed (7,225) and we enjoyed a display of the potential of frozen water for good sport. It was disappointing to note that hockey players are like power boaters in that they can head in any direction and seem to be more interested in speed and noise rather than tactics. Sensitivity to the elements does not seem to be their strong suit.

The third period was something to behold -- we scored they scored we scored they scored with one minute left. Then it was sudden death overtime. Wam-bam Titans scored and its over. But what a conclusion to a great evening that would be concluded with some Margaritas, etc., before sailing off to the next BMSA adventure.

Alex Wham

March 2002 Events & Birthday's

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 Baltimore Light Parade
3	4 Dick Durofchalk	5	6 Linda Reitenaur	7 Alex Whan Bob Dudek	8	9
10	11	12 Joe Witkor	13	14 General Meeting	15	16 St Patty's Trivial Pursuit
17 Willard Smith	18 Board Meeting	19 Chuck Gundlach	20	21	22 Ingrid Hemphill Ted Taylor	23 Joan Whan Bob Shimmer
24	25	26 Russ Marker	27	28	29	30
31 Martin Radvanyi						

**Happy Birthday to all Members Celebrating March Birthdays
Have a Happy Holiday Season!!**

Welcome New Member!

John Miskie of Reading is our newest member. He owns a Sunfish, plus a homebuilt 11' Nutshell Pram. We welcome John and hope to see him with his Sunfish during our summer Wednesday night sails! You will find John listed in the new log which is planned to be distributed at the March meeting.

Kristel Adair
Membership

Water Safety Festival

This years Blue Marsh Water Safety Festival is scheduled for June 9th at the Dry Brook Day Use Area. As in the past the BMSA needs your help as this year we plan to do an on the water demonstration and for that we need some captain's and their boats. On shore we also need helpers to talk to the visitors. Our helpers will be needed to answer question about water safety and to promote the activities of the Blue Marsh Sailing Association. This as an important event as we usually draw a few new members from the folks we talk to as we spread the message about the importance of being a safe boater. If you are interested in helping see Dave Miller or call him at 610-678-7121 to volunteer your boat and your time.

Dave Miller
Safety

For Sale:

1987 Catalina 22

Swing keel, trailerable, new trailer, pop-top, bimini, camping cover, extra 150 genoa, 8 HP mariner.

Lake boat except for last year. (one season on Chesapeake) Very good condition. Great family boat

\$5800

Contact:
Elmer Riggin
610-927-4630 or
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Maryland Cruising Club Walk-a-thon

On April 21, 2002 the Maryland Cruising Club a CBYCA member will be sponsoring a walk-a-thon to raise money for Parkinson's Disease. This will be the 6th Annual Parkinson's Disease Walk-a-thon. The event will begin at the Eastern Yacht Club in Baltimore, Maryland at 9:00 a.m. Any Blue Marsh Sailing Association members interested in participating in the walk-a-thon should contact vice commodore Donald Antos of the Maryland Cruising club at 410-828-6990 for a pledge form and additional information.



CBYCA NEWS

February CBYCA Meeting Draws Heated Debate

The BMSA was well represented at the February meeting of the CBYCA as Alex and Joan Whan, Mike Adair, Armando Antonini and myself attended. The overall meeting discussion was heated to say the least. The State of Maryland has proposed to increase their boating registration revenues by 107% in the near future according to Bruce Gilmore, Director of Licensing and Registration Services, Department of Natural Resources for the State of Maryland. The two year boat registration fee will go up from \$25 to \$40 and a new proposed fee every two years of \$25 for boats under 16 feet with less than 7.8 HP, these include boat tenders for larger craft.

The additional money raised \$2.3 million would be used for projects that would be of limited benefit to the users of the Chesapeake Bay waters. The pressed bill would go to schools, licensing administration and grass planting in shallow waters. As written the legislation could be used for the States general budget or other fruitless projects and your group was against this increase in user fee for boating.



Launch Permits for Unpowered Boats


Another innovation in Pennsylvania is a new program of providing launch permits for non-powered boats that use Fish and Boat Commission lakes and access areas. Under this new program, first authorized by Act 2000-115, the Commission is responding to requests from non-powered boaters by offering launch permits online on web site, from issuing agents across Pennsylvania and at our offices. These permits cost \$10 for one calendar year and \$18 for two years.

Pennsylvania Boating Accidents

The total number of reported recreational boating accidents in Pennsylvania in 2001 was the same as 2000. For the last two years boaters reported only 90 recreational boating accidents. Pennsylvania boaters reported 66 injuries requiring medical treatment: that's one less than in 2000 and the least since 1993. Property damage to vessels totaling \$179,000 was reported; a dramatic 23% decrease from the previous year. Of the 90 reported accidents, 28 were collisions. Unfortunately, 13 of the total accidents involved fatalities as 14 individuals lost their lives in boating accidents last year. Many of the accidents have involved non-powered boats such as canoes and kayaks.

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Chapter Seven

With Valhalla docked bow-to, it wasn't difficult for him to do what he needed to do. Just a quick touch of the wire cutters to the headstay with enough pressure to sever some but not all of the threads. Enough to weaken it so that under a load of, say, 20 knots of wind on the sails it would break and bring the mast down on their stupid heads. Enough to put the fear of God into her, make her think about her past sins. Deadly sins.

She awoke with a start. She felt a chill come over her that one feels when being watched. Or stalked. She listened, strained to hear a threatening sound, but all she heard was the thundering of her own heart. She was scared but not sure why she should be. No one knew. No one could, she reasoned. They were both gone and the investigation was over. None was the wiser that she had been the driving force behind it all.

Oh, she never anticipated that it would have gone that far. She'd only intended to stir up some trouble. She wasn't to blame for what happened – jealousy out of control, blinding rage. She couldn't have predicted that, could she? Still, she was surprised to feel pangs of guilt from time to time for setting the monster in motion.

She thought back to when it all started which was long before the events that changed things forever. She went back further and further into her childhood, trying to recall a time that she didn't hate Sylvie. Her sister was just a year older, but in terms of advantages enjoyed, it made all the difference. Sylvie was planned for, wanted, pampered, and loved. She, Ilsa, was an accident, and treated as such her entire childhood. Sylvie was the good child, Ilsa the problem child. Sylvie got everything she ever wanted, and Ilsa was always left wanting. When Sylvie met the dashing and successful Olaf Johannsen, it was a fairy tale romance followed by a fairy tale wedding. And Ilsa was left on the sidelines with a seething desire to wipe the smiles from their faces.

It took her a year to think up a really good plan. It had to be clever because while Sylvie was naive and trusting, Olaf was neither. He didn't achieve his great success in business by being a pushover. Yet, Sylvie was his weak-

ness. His profound love for her left him vulnerable and Ilsa knew how to take advantage of it. Her plan was so beautifully simple. She started by laying the groundwork of uncertainty in his mind. She would ask Olaf where Sylvie was on a given day when she and her sister supposedly had plans for lunch, and when she knew Sylvie could not produce proof of her whereabouts. After several such well-planned incidents, Olaf was showing signs of becoming suspicious of Sylvie. Ilsa knew that he worshipped Sylvie and was unwilling to confront her. Now Ilsa was ready to execute the coup de grace.

Sylvie was having one of her spa days. Ilsa went to her sister's house and called Olaf at the office, pretending to be a concerned neighbor reporting a strange car at his home and a man entering the house. After letting Sylvie's phone ring without answering and knowing that Olaf was on his way home, Ilsa lured Lars, the handsome and blessedly stupid gardener, into the house on a pretense of some manly chore. It didn't take much encouragement for Lars to follow her to the bedroom where Olaf discovered them 20 minutes later engaged in rather vocal enthusiasm. What Ilsa had counted on was her strong resemblance to Sylvie and Olaf's clouded judgment and humiliation. He would see enough to believe the worst, without seeing the truth. From under the covers, Ilsa saw his stunned look and watched him leave silently. She smiled slyly, pleased with herself.

Ilsa came back to the present and found she couldn't sleep. She crawled from her bunk and quietly went up on deck for some air. She lay back and let her eyes trail up the mast and the stars overhead. She tried to visualize Sylvie's face but couldn't. After a time, she went below and headed back to her bunk. As she passed one of the portlights, she saw eyes staring back at her. Familiar eyes, eyes of pain and revenge. Ilsa screamed, and as she fainted struck her head on the nav table.

by Jess Pokinfun

(An ongoing tale of fiction - see past Tell-Tales for the previous six chapters)

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