

the Tell-Tale

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Everyone loves spring and summer, and the plethora of outdoor activities that come at this time of year. And at the beginning of the season, the newly long days make it seem like we have all the time in the world. This sense of "endless summer" makes us hesitant to schedule activities in advance—we figure there will be plenty of time.

Unfortunately, if you don't set aside time for summer fun on your calendar, it may never happen. As Stephen Covey says in *Seven Habits of Highly Effective People*, "The key is not to prioritize your schedule but to schedule your priorities." So commit now for this summer's club cruising, racing and social events. Sailing and sailing-related activities and friends are important to you or you would not have joined B M S A .

Between now and the time Daylight Savings Time ends, BMSA has planned: a regatta and party, four races, a day sail, two Chesapeake cruises, four sailing vagabond weekends, three picnics, a hike, two

meetings, a photo contest and a boat show. There are also informal sails and picnics at the lake on Wednesday nights. Few can do it all, but there is enough offered that everyone should participate in something this season.

As you engage in this fun-filled summer, I hope you will also take time to participate in the annual Water Safety Festival, our summer community service event. This is a great opportunity to volunteer, as this is the first time in years that no other club event conflicts with the festival.

Take a look at the events calendar in the Log, and read the articles about upcoming events in the Tell-Tale—there's something there for everyone. Pick the Regatta and at least two other events and plan to join us. Allocate the time, mark your calendar, commit for crew, promise to be there and you will go. Procrastinate and you might miss out on the fun.

*Joan Whan
Commodore*

GPS RALLY

Our annual GPS rally was a success even though the turnout was a bit disappointing. We finished at the Red Rock Cafe in Bern Township where fourteen of us had dinner together. Four cars participated with Ron and Sandi Bukowski coming in first (1/2 point deducted out of 14). Russ and Evelyn Marker with Mike and Jan Dougherty came in second with two 1/2 points deducted. Other participants included Phyllis and John Didyoung with Carolyn and Roger Clary in one car, Alex and Joan Whan in the other.

Will Smith

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Events For May

- Saturday 5/4:
Hike & Lunch Social.
- Thursday 5/9:
General Meeting — 7:30.
- Saturday 5/11:
Day Sail—Blue Marsh.
- Monday 5/13:
Board Meeting—7:30.
- Saturday 5/18:
Race # 1, season kickoff.
- Fri to Sun 5/31 to 6/2:
Spring Cruise Rendezvous

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 April Board Meeting

April 15, 2002

The meeting was called to order by Commodore Joan Whan at 7:35 p.m. Attending were: Joan & Alex Whan, Mike & Jan Dougherty, John & Phyllis Didyoung, Mike & Kristel Adair, Lou Brown, Dick Durofchalk, Kathy Arentz, Joanne Solarek, Bob Harwich, John Hackman, and Dave Miller.

Minutes from the March Board meeting were read and accepted.

Treasurer:

Our balance is \$4032.20 as of April 15th.

Chaplain's Report:

In Russ' absence, Commodore Joan Whan reported that Richard Adams is now at home recovering from his injuries.

Equipment:

In Dennis's absence, Kathy Arentz presented Dennis's research into the cost of a new grill. The Board discussed options and established a budget of \$200 maximum for grill and accessories. The grill must be engraved with the BMSA name for anti-theft purposes and will be available for the first picnic June 13th. Boat and trailer registrations will be put in waterproof bags and kept on the committee boat.

Fleet:

Mike Adair reported the Spring Cruise (May 31 through June 2) will raft up in Bodkin then proceed to Fells Harbor. A Captain's Meeting will begin at 7:00 pm before the May General Meeting.

Librarian:

Bob Harwich reported that an inventory will be made. New additions will be published in the Tell Tale.

Membership:

Kristel reported we currently have 157 BMSA members, 49 of whom are also members of the Fire Company. She currently has several prospects.

Program:

Joanne Solarek reported that the meetings so far have been well received. The May meeting will feature John Hackman, and Member Ted Taylor will present a program in September.

Publicity:

No Report

Racing:

The Regatta picnic will be held at the Coast Guard Auxiliary. Beverages must be purchased there as a condition of use.

Rear Commodore:

The Coast Guard safety inspector will be available at our May 18th race as well as the Sail to Bernville to perform safety inspections. The Regatta Picnic will be chaired by Nancy List. Non-participating guests will be charged \$5.00. Captains, crew and Committee staff will not be charged.

Safety/House:

Dave Miller reported the Fire Company is trying to get money from the government to buy a boat. Dave asked if we had been approached regarding painting the boat. Mike Dougherty reported that permission has previously been given when the Fire Company first began to store the boat for us. The Fire Company treasurer has re-

signed and all keys, locks, etc., are being changed. Beer will no longer be sold on tap - it will now be BYOB. Soda will continue to be available.

The Fire Company is sponsoring a chicken barbeque May 5th. Tickets are available through Dave or the Fire Company.

Safety Festival- An on the water safety demonstration will be either a man overboard drill or rules of the road. Posters will be available and TV publicity will be done in advance.

Clean-up day at Blue Marsh will begin with the Club paying for helpers breakfasts at Crystal Springs at 7 a.m. Participants should wear gloves. Mike Dougherty will supply a vehicle to and tow the Committee Boat to the lake.

Social:

Phyllis reported that a hike on May 4 will begin with a 7:45a.m. meeting at Red Rock Cafe on Route 183. Parking will be at both Shartlesville Game Commission parking lot and the Appalachian Trail parking lot. Lunch will be at the Blue Ridge Hotel. The event will be cancelled in the event of rain.

Stores:

Kathy Arentz is taking orders for BMSA merchandise.

Tell Tale:

John mentioned the postage rate increase to take effect in July. Ad costs are \$5.00 for non-members, free for members.

Training:

John Didyoung reported that training day would be Saturday, April 27th from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. with hands-on basic sailing presented.

Vagabond:

Alex discussed the Sail to Bernville. The May 11 day-sail will be an open sail at Blue Marsh. The Alesin's will chair the Sail to Bernville picnic. Captains' Meeting will begin at 10 a.m. Dennis and Kathy Arentz will man the chase boat.

OLD BUSINESS:

We no longer are named as sponsors for the Venture Crew Group.

NEW BUSINESS:

John & Phyllis Didyoung submitted their resignations as Vice Commodore and Social Chairman respectively due to their upcoming relocation to Florida. John will head up a search committee to fill the vacancy of Vice Commodore. Phyllis has found substitute chairs for the remaining activities.

Correction to the Tell Tale Schedule and Log: The Bridge Walk will take place April 28th to coincide with the Volvo Race.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Dougherty
Secretary

Sail to Bernville

The sail to Bernville was cancelled due to a rainy morning. As is often the case mother nature treated us to warm sunshine and gentle breezes later in the day followed by a severe thunderstorm. Better luck next year.

Upcoming Programs

In May our Tell Tale editor John Hackman will discuss building your own boat. John will explain why he decided to build his own dingy, what he learned from it and whether he'll do it again. Weather permitting John plans on having the boat along for viewing. Bring you questions about boatbuilding and John will answer them.

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

*Joanne Solarek
Program*

Spring Cruise Captains' Meeting

All captains planning on participating in the spring cruise May 30-June 2 should plan on attending the captains' meeting at 7 p.m. just prior to the May membership meeting on Thursday the 9th at the fire-hall. We will cover the itinerary, slip arrangements, dinner plans, the raft up, and other pertinent details.

If the captain of a vessel cannot attend, please send one of your crew to obtain the information, or contact me. I need final commitments of the number of vessels participating in order to make slip reservations. See you there!

*Mike Adair
Fleet Captain*

"In Harms way" Saturday, May 11 Daysail

Naval warfare, and the art there of, is what gave Great Britain its empire and the United States its independence. The daysail scheduled for Saturday May 11 on Blue Marsh Lake will include a reenactment of naval engagements under sail. The rules of wind powered naval engagement as published in the US Naval Chronicles will apply, as will today's rules of the road.

Mock combat under sail is not unlike the very popular game of paintball except water pistols are used rather than paint. Naval combat is also more complicated because wind, current, range and boat speed play important parts. Shoals and landmass are used to advantage much like a pick in basketball or the wall at a NASCAR race.

The boats that show up for the 10 a.m. skippers meeting will be divided into two fleets. The fleets will then leave the docks and will head for a designated spot and the games will begin. More detailed rules will be handed out at the skippers meeting but be sure to bring you own gunnery. Winners will be announced in the Tell-Tale.

If you are a not current in you mastery of the art of fighting under sail I would suggest you pick up any Hornblower series by C.S. Forester; or seafaring books by Alexander Kent or Patrick O'Brian at your local library.

Call or e-mail Alex Whan with any questions. 610-396-1416. alexanderwhan@aol.com

*Alex Whan
Vagabond*

Training Day at Blue Marsh

It was just another day in paradise on Blue Marsh Lake as the BMSA Training session started up at about 9:15 a.m. There were 12 BMSA members and 1 prospective member. They were: John Didyoung, Joe Fleming, Lou Brown, Blaine and Wendy Steensland, John Hackman, John Miskie, Dick Durofchalk, Kristel Adair, Joan Whan, Dave Miller, Ron Alesin, Heidi Moser, and Tom List. Lou Brown and Dick Durofchalk brought their day sailors for hands on instruction.

I want to thank my instructors for the great job they did and for adding their experience to making this training session a learning as well as a fun experience.

My instructors were: John Hackman, Kristel Adair, Joan Whan, Dave Miller, and Ron Alesin. Lou Brown and Dick Durofchalk with their hands on instructions on stepping the mast, putting up the sails, etc to get a sailboat ready to sail.

Thanks to all who attended
John Didyoung

Let's go Hiking

When:
Saturday May 4, 2002
7:45 a.m.

Where:
Meet Red Rock Café
Route 183
Then
Appalachian Trail

Come out for a day hike along the Appalacian Trail above Shartlesville. We will be meeting at the Red Rock Café on Route 183 at 7:45 a.m. We will leave there at 8 a.m. and drive to the Shartlesville Game Commission parking lot. We will leave some cars there and carpool to the start at Route 183. The hike will be approximately 5 miles along the Appalachain Trail.

After the hike we will pick up the cars at the start and drive to the Blue Ridge Hotel in Summit Station for lunch.

If it is raining at the departure time we will cancel the hike.

Events Schedule for 2002

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

Powder Puff Race

It was recommended that we hold another race with the ladies in charge. If enough interest is shown we will hold one on a Wednesday night. Depending on interest it can be either ladies only skippering and crewing; or alternatively, only ladies skippering and a male other than their husband crewing. I want your input but still have not received any!

*Tom Stoner
Racing*

June Vagabond Bald Eagle State Park

This is first call for the June 15 & 16 vagabond to Bald Eagle State Park in Centre County, PA. We will have a breakfast rendezvous on the way, stay at the "Bestway" motel near Milesburg, sail on the lake at Sayers Dam and explore State College and Bellefonte.



More information will be included noted in the June Tell-Tale.

Please contact Russ Marker if you have any questions.

Russ Marker

Sailing the Web

Welcome to this months sailing the web links list:

- www.h2o.com
- www.setsail.com/s_logs/backhus/george121.html
- cruisenews.net/ShipsatSea.htm
- www.ravensail.com

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



May 2002 Events & Birthday's

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 Heidi Moser	3 Kathy Arentz Gene Paris	4 Hike & Lunch Pat Shalter
5	6	7 John Huntley	8	9 General Meeting Kathy Alesin	10	11 Day Sail
12	13 Board Meeting Mary Stajkowski	14	15	16 Phyllis Didyoung Conrad Vanino J. Tom Jungjohann	17	18 Race # 1 Kick-off Evelyn Marker
19 Connie Martin	20	21	22 Ruth Gent Blaine Steensland	23 Betty Brown Janet Hartwich	24 George Loveland	25
26	27	28	29	30 Larry Bortz Peg Pascuzzi	31 Spring Cruise &	Rendezvous

Happy Birthday to all Members Celebrating May Birthdays

Racing Reminder

I hope by the time you read this you will already have prepared for the new season by participating in the Sail to Bernville. It's a good way to sharpen the old sailing skills and check out your equipment. I have now purchased a beach trailer in order to sail this Vagabond 14 off the beach. The boat is now on the beach above the high tide line tied to a buried cement block. It's too bad that I didn't get the trailer sooner as we are returning to Reading. Oh well, September is delightful in Seabrook and I can use it then.

Don't forget that our 2002 racing season will be comprised of a race day in each of the months May-August and winds up with the Turkey Race on October 19. All the races will be on Saturdays on Blue Marsh. Plan to join in the fun this year by blocking out the dates on your calendar. These races are for the veteran and novice alike. The hardest part is having your boat in the water ready to sail by 10:30. That is when we hold the skipper's meeting and explain everything you need to know. The first race is 11:00 and we're usually done by 2:30. We will be using Portsmouth numbers again this year to even out the boats.

Jan and I will again host a cookout at our house immediately after the Kickoff Race on May 18 for participants and their guests. If you have any questions or suggestions regarding the racing program please e-mail me at tjstoner@msn.com or call me at 678-0683 after May 1.

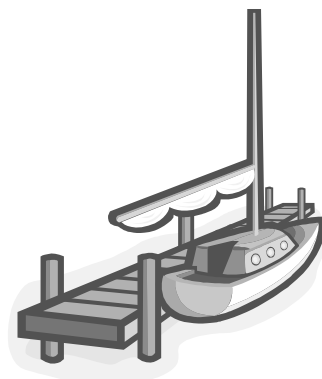
*Tom Stoner
Racing*

Regatta Reminder

Just a reminder that the Annual Regatta for 2002 is the second race day in the 2002 season. Don't miss this important date-Saturday, June 22. Let's have a good turnout this year- the more boats the better!. Hopefully Mother Nature will be kinder to us than last year when stormy weather resulted in rescheduling twice. In any event the format is the same-boats in the water by 10:30 when we have our skipper's meeting; first race at 11:00. Need crew or want to crew? Just call. Also race committee people are always needed.

The Regatta party will be held at the Coast Guard this year. The party is open, of course, to all club members but Regatta participants get in for free. The race wanabees pay \$5. We will be grilling chicken and we ask members A-K to bring a dessert; L-Z a side dish. Drinks must be purchased from the Coast Guard per LCB rules. Don't miss this social event!

*Tom Stoner
Racing*





Chapter Ten

It was an easy broad reach to the northern end of St. Martin. The sun was warm and glittered on the water like iridescent gold. Rusty had the helm while Ramón determined their course to Orient Bay. The girls, Flappin' Jenny and Ilsa, now going by the name Lorna since her bump on the head the night before, lay on beach towels on the foredeck, bikini-clad and slathered in sunscreen.

"Aren't you two worried about getting tan lines?" Rusty called out. "You'll look like a coupla tourists when we get to Orient Bay and you shuck out of those suits."

"Keep it up, moron, and you won't get to see my tan lines for the next month," Jenny tossed back. She and Lorna laughed uproariously.

Rusty had been to Orient Bay once before, during spring break in college. It was a week he'd never forget. He'd met Monique, the essential French girl from Paris, on vacation with her parents. My God, Rusty thought. A family vacation in a place like Orient Bay, one of the most famous nude beaches in the Caribbean! Either the French were really screwed up, or completely well-adjusted. He tried to picture himself with his parents, walking the beach together, buck naked. He almost choked at the thought. Some things are just best not knowing.

But Monique, she had astounded him with her complete lack of self-consciousness. She was a stunning beauty, long-limbed and lithe. Bright, too, and articulate. And completely without any moral sense when it came to relationships between men and women. It's just a French thing, Rusty concluded, after 6 years of an on-again/off-again romance with Monique that almost but blessedly did not lead to the altar.

The morning passed with a rousing discussion between Ramón and Rusty about the world's greatest sailors. Rusty argued the case of the old world explorers who sailed beyond what they knew to exist out of a sense of adventure and discovery. Ramón favored Shackleton and his perseverance against all odds and turns of fate. Midday, they stopped for lunch and dropped the hook, and enjoyed a brief snorkle before making their way to Orient Bay.

"Ok, as we reach the end of this island we turn to starboard, keeping its southern tip directly on our stern and the highest point in the Bay on our nose. We make a straight line, then angle in to port. The passage into the Bay is narrow. If we screw it up, we'll end up on the rocks," Ramón summarized, reading from the cruising guide he picked up that morning.

"10-4," Rusty replied.

"For God's sake, Rusty, will you stop talking like a trucker and try to sound just a little like a sea captain?" Jenny complained.

"Ah, stop yer flappin', woman!" Rusty bellowed back.

"Idiot."

"Nag."

"MORON!"

"WITCH!"

"Hey!" Lorna yelled. She looked at Ramón. "Do they always act like this?"

"Yep."

"Geez, it's enough to drive a person nuts! How do they stand each other?" Lorna asked.

"True love," Ramón said matter-of-factly. Rusty and Jenny exchanged looks, embarrassed to have their behavior discussed as though they weren't there. Rusty broke into a sheepish grin, grabbed Jenny around the waist and hauled her in close for a smacking kiss. "Moron," she whispered. He kissed her again but was interrupted by Ramón's yell.

"Watch it! We're falling off course! We can't afford to hit anything, we're almost out of plugs!"

"Aye, aye," Rusty shouted in response and sneaked a quick look at Jenny who was grinning ear to ear. "Ladies, take in the sails, please."

Under motor, which surprisingly caught on the first turn of the key, they entered Orient Bay. After 15 minutes of squabbling about where to set the anchor, the Valhalla was finally at rest. It was almost 3 p.m., still plenty of time to spend some time on the beach, catch the sights (so to speak), and make a reservation for dinner. Rusty had already decided to dig into his secret stash, small as it was, and spring for dinner for everyone. Already in their swimsuits, they grabbed their beach towels and loaded into the dinghy, and Ramón rowed them ashore. Instantly upon stepping out of the dink they were confronted with the sight of an elderly couple passing by, wrinkled and bent, holding hands, and as bare as the day they were born. The four

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sailors watched in amazement as the oldsters made their way down the beach.

They laid out their towels on the sand and doffed their shoes. They looked around at the other sunbathers, all nude, then at each other, waiting for someone to make the first move. Finally, Rusty cleared his throat. "Well? Shall we?"

"I'm not taking off my clothes," Jenny announced firmly and sat down on her blanket.

"Me neither," Lorna said and joined her.

"Ditto," Ramón said and started smearing zinc oxide on his nose.

"What a bunch of cowards!" Rusty complained, and he too sat down and stared at the water. And so they sat in silence.

Back at the Valhalla, an inflatable bumped up against her stern on the side away from view of the beach. A man boarded her, staying low as he entered the cabin. He spent less than a minute at the galley stove, then left as surreptitiously as he came.

by Jess Pokinfun

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

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 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

Welcome New Members!

I'm pleased to welcome Neil Hoffman and Judith Kraines to Blue Marsh! Judith attended our March meeting where some of us were able to meet her. Neil and Judith own a 30' Sabre Mark III and cite Havre de Grace as their calling port. We hope to see them on some of our vagabonds and cruises this season!

Members, for your logs, here are the particulars:

Neil Hoffman and Judith Kraines
406 Arrowhead Trail
Sinking Spring, PA 19608
610-670-1764
email: jkraines@1usa.com

Kristel Adair, Membership



For Sale:

6' INFLATABLE DINGY

This mighty little dink would make a great tender for a trailer sailor or day sailor. Inflated it can carry two people. It is row-able or can be fitted with a small motor.

Priced to sell at \$45.

Interested contact Ray Hemphill at 610-678-6754.

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