

# the Tell-Tale

**BLUE MARSH  
SAILING ASSOCIATION**

**September 2002**



## COMMODORE'S MESSAGE

What would you think if the Blue Marsh Sailing Association disbanded? How would your life be affected if there was no more BMSA? No summer picnics, no monthly programs, no Chinese Auction Christmas party, no organized sailing at the lake, no vagabond or big trip cruises, no Tell Tale, no way to know what's going on with your sailing buddies. Not a very nice picture is it?

Unfortunately there is a possibility that this could happen because without leadership there can be no Blue Marsh Sailing Association. Every year the nominating committee has to contact many members looking for people willing to help. Officer and Committee Chair positions that need monthly attention are often hard to fill. This isn't to say that there were no volunteers and we all are grateful for those who willingly step forward. There just aren't enough.

Actually, leadership jobs are interesting and fun. People are very willing to do one-time tasks like host a picnic or

other social activity or organize a particular boating event. As Commodore or as a Committee Chair it is gratifying to organize the one-time tasks into a whole year of pleasure for the club's membership.

Alfred Sloan, founder of General Motors said, "To get a big job done ask a busy person". We all have twenty-four hours in each day and the chance to be stingy or generous in how we use them. Everybody can come up with an excuse to let someone else do it or seize the opportunity to keep BMSA alive.

Please think about this during the coming year and be prepared to be generous with your time and talents when asked to serve in a leadership position. If BMSA is important to you and fills a role in your life, you have an obligation to yourself to keep it going.

*Joan Whan  
Commodore*



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### Events For September

- Thursday 9/12:  
General Meeting.
- Saturday 9/14:  
Skipjack Trip Social.
- Saturday 9/16:  
Board Meeting.
- Fri to Sun 9/20 & 22:  
Fall Cruise  
Below the Bridge.

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)*

## Fall Cruise Below the Bridge

The 2002 Fall Cruise will be a "below the bridge" event and I hope that our bay boating members will join us. We'll enjoy the day Friday with a TGIF sail without all that weekend traffic, and we'll meet up Friday night in St. Michaels where I plan to reserve slips at the Miles River Yacht Club. On Saturday, we'll cross the bay to the Rhodes River for an evening raft up and potluck happy hour. (Does anyone really need to eat dinner after one of these?) Sunday will be a return to your home ports.

If your port of call is above the bridge, we hope that you can perhaps take an extra day or two to join us. I realize your sail is longer, but the fun and fellowship we enjoy on these long weekend cruises is really worth it. For myself, Kristel and I will be chartering out of Annapolis for the week leading up to the Fall Cruise with Hemphills and Nicholls. If anyone would like to tag along in our wake, we'd love the company.

**CAPTAINS:** I plan to hold a captains' meeting at 7 p.m. on our meeting night September 12th at the fire hall. Prior to that, I need to know if you plan to participate so that the appropriate slip reservations can be made. Call me or email me with your name, crew, boat name, length and draft. We'll firm up all details at the captains' meeting.

**THOSE WANTING TO CREW:** I need to hear from you ASAP. I will try to get you a spot with one of our captains, but the more notice I have, the better your chances are. You have to speak up!

**EVERYONE!** We have quite a few capable captains out there, many of whom can charter, so let's make this the biggest and best cruise yet! Contact Mike for more info 610-775-2438  
mike4sail@aol.com

*Mike Adair  
Fleet Captain*

## Severn River Vagabond

Saturday, August 24, dawned with an unusual twist- rain! And with the forecast calling for no let up throughout the day we decided to bag sailing on Saturday but leave at 11:00 in order to check out the marina and possibly launch the boats in order to get an earlier start on Sunday. As it turned out we could have sailed on Saturday but the winds were on the light side. We were able to launch two of the three boats, motored around St. Helena Island, and enjoyed a cocktail hour in the shade overlooking the marina and river.

Saturday night we went into Annapolis to soak up the nautical atmosphere. We enjoyed a delicious dinner at Buddy's- noisy but the food is good and plentiful. We had no reservation but were seated as a group immediately. A walk about town with an ice cream cone thrown in closed out our

evening. We spent the night at the Day's Inn with the exception of the Adairs who opted to sleep aboard at the marina.

Sunday we embarked around 10:00 and sailed on a broad reach down the river to Annapolis harbor where we came about and motorsailed our way back to Round Bay. On the way we gunkholed into Clements Creek to escape the motor traffic on the river. There we viewed the homes clinging to the hillsides connected to their docks and boats by long steep stairways. After pulling the boats the three crews (Adairs/Sewards, Browns/Banis, and Stoners/Whans) again gathered at the picnic area to recount their day's experiences before heading home. See you at the next vagabond at Tom's River on October 12-13!

*Tom Stoner*

## September Skipjack Trip

There is still space available on the skipjack trip. For the second year BMSA has reserved the Skipjack Martha Lewis for an evening Cruise. This year's September 14th social event will be a wine and cheese cruise aboard the traditional oyster boat of the Chesapeake Bay. Last years event was well attended and the wind gods were with us. This year we will be departing from Hutchins Park at 5 p.m. and will be cruising for 2 hours.

The price will be \$14 per person. BMSA will be providing cheese, crackers and other munchies. Feel free to bring your own wine, beer or other beverage. I am now taking names and collecting payment to reserve your place. We can take 28 passengers.

Contact John Hackman at 610-678-4437 or email me at jlhack@yahoo.com to reserve your space.

Thanks!!

*John Hackman*

## October Vagabond at the Jersey Shore

October is one of the very best months at the Jersey Shore. The Toms River Yacht Club has agreed to host the BMSA fall vagabond, scheduled for October 12-13.

There will be no fees for slips or use of the ramp since we are the club's guests for that weekend. They have waived the fees and invited us to join them for their golf outing dinner on Saturday night if we wish. The dining room is right at the club and participation will be an excellent chance to mix with other social sailors. The cost of the dinner has not yet been determined but it will be reasonable.

Toms River is a very active sailing area since it is close to the ocean and gets a steady sea breeze. The Club's facilities are very nice with a dinning room, ramp and slips right at the clubhouse. I am working on motel accommodations and will provide more detail in the next Tell Tale and via e-mail. Contact me with any specific questions you have.

*Alex Wham*

## Square Dancing Fun

Come join BMSA members for some square dancing fun at Heidi's brother's barn on Saturday, Oct. 19th from 7 - 10 p.m. Doors open at 6:30. Snacks will be provided by the club but please bring your beverage of choice. The cost for non members including non member spouses is \$2.

The directions to the barn are as follows:

East on the Warren St Bypass (Route 12) to the Pricetown Road. Stay on Pricetown Road until you see a Sunoco Mini Market and Gas Station on the right. Turn right immediately after the gas station. Go about 200 ft and turn left at the stop sign on to Old Oley Road. Follow Old Oley Road for 1 mile, turn left into the driveway that is opposite Bull Road.

If you have any questions, please call Kathy Arentz @ 610-921-9631 or Joanne Solarek @ 610-779-4516.

Hope to see you there!

*Kathy Arentz*

## August Race Results

The day dawned sunny and hot but the wind gradually built providing an almost perfect day for sailing on Blue Marsh. Only five boats were able to make it but they engaged in some spirited and close racing. Armando Antonini with Henry Borneman crewing just nosed out Jeff Weikell and Joe Fleming to take the first race. Tom Stoner, with crew John Banis and Heidi Moser, then got it together to nose out Armando and Henry in the next three races to take overall honors for the day. All agreed that it was a fun day of sailing no matter their place. Thanks to Dave Miller and John Hackman for serving as committee.

*Tom Stoner  
Racing*

## Official Race Results

<u>Boat</u>	<u>Race 1</u>	<u>Race 2</u>	<u>Race 3</u>	<u>Race 4</u>	<u>Overall</u>
Stoner/J. Babis/Moser	3	1	1	1	1
Antonini/Borneman	1	2	2	2	2
Weikel/Fleming	2	3	3	DNS	3
Brown/E. Banis	4	4	4	3	4
Miskie	5	5	5	DNS	5

## Upcoming Programs

Regular Fall programs return September 12th, at the Lower Heidelberg Fire Company. Ted Taylor will be presenting a program about his sailing trip to Greece in September 2001. He plans to detail what it was like being in a foreign country aboard a boat and learning of the attacks on the World Trade Center and Pentagon.

On October 10th our yearly photo contest will be held with prizes awarded to our most skilled photographers. Our categories this year include the following areas:

Sailing	Landscape	People
Abstract-Creative	Miscellaneous	

Photos must be 5x7 or larger and should ideally be mounted for display.

So spend your summer adventures camera in hand looking for that award winning shot.

*Joanne Solarek*  
Program

## Events Schedule for 2002

### 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
19	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

## Turkey Race October 19

A reminder to all members that the final race of the year is our Turkey Race. We have moved this race up to October in order to improve our chances of having a warmer day. If you haven't been racing- don't worry. This race day has a different format in that it is one race of five laps around the island. We use Portsmouth ratings to equalize the speed characteristics of the boats. Have your boat in the water and ready to go by 10:30. At that time we will explain everything prior to the start of the race at 11:00.

Hot dogs, chili, and drinks will be provided after the race to participants and club members who come out to watch. Turkeys for the winning captains and pumpkin pies for their crews will be awarded- a set of prizes for each three boats. Call Tom Stoner 610-678-0683 if you are going to participate; need crew; or want to crew. See you there!



## New Rules of the Road

Because of the world in which we leave the freedom one gets being on the water has become less free. The Naval Vessel Protection Zone now applies to any encounter with all U.S Navy vessels. The rules state:

Do not approach within 100 yards of any U.S. Naval vessel. If you must pass within 100 yards of a Naval Vessel in order to ensure safe passage in accordance with the Navigation Rules you must contact the official patrol on VHF channel 16.

You must operate at minimum speed within 500 yards of any U.S Naval Vessel and proceed as directed by the Commanding Officer or the official patrol.

Violations of the Naval Vessel Protection Zone are a felony offense, punishable by up to 6 years in prison and fines of \$250,000.

Further observe and avoid all security zones around commercial ports. Especially those involving military, cruise line or petroleum facilities. Do not stop beneath bridges or in the channel. If you do expect to be boarded by law enforcement officials. Keep a sharp lookout for anything that looks peculiar or out of the ordinary. Report any suspicious activities to local authorities, the Coast Guard or port and marina security.

## September 2002 Events &amp; Birthday's

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3 Rick Auchenbach Sherry Gundlach	4	5	6 Joan Adams	7
8	9 Dottie Crosby Eric Nicholls	10	11	12 <b>General Meeting</b>	13	14 <b>Skipjack Cruise</b>
15	16 <b>Board Meeting</b> Kathy Araiza	17	18 Sally Koch	19	20 <b>Fall Cruise</b> Jan Dougherty	21 <b>Fall Cruise</b>
22 <b>Fall Cruise</b>	23	24 Ann Hargrove	25	26	27 Ruth Smith Pat Gery	28 Donald Miller
29	30					

## Happy Birthday to all Members Celebrating September Birthdays

## America's Cup Contender Sinks

For a humorous account of the sinking (yes, that's correct) of Dennis Conner's \$5 million boat *Stars and Stripes USA-77*, read page 75 of the August 5 issue of Sports Illustrated.

This craft is the USA's best hope to win the America's Cup away from the Kiwis. Perhaps we should start worrying now.

*Evelyn Marker*

## Sailing the Web

- [www.waterwaynet.com](http://www.waterwaynet.com)  
This one is still under construction, but is looking for feedback from sailors.
- [www.see-more.com/marinas](http://www.see-more.com/marinas)  
Here's a clickable map showing photos of the area.
- [www.classicsailboat.com/intercoastal\\_waterway\\_note.htm](http://www.classicsailboat.com/intercoastal_waterway_note.htm)  
A web journal about sailing the ICW.

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

## Members, for your logs:

Eric Nicholls' has a new email address:  
[enicholls@ngkmetals.com](mailto:enicholls@ngkmetals.com)

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## For Sale:

**EVINRUDE 9.9** shortshaft, pull start. Hardly used. \$500.

**8' Sumnar Sailing Dinghy** with complete sail rig and oars.  
Needs a little work, it's been sitting. \$300.

O.B.O. for either.

E-Mail or call Pat or John Huntley at [pat@sailtime.us](mailto:pat@sailtime.us) or 610-678-9008.

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