

April 2004

Racing News

Since this will likely be the last issue of the Tell-Tale you receive before the kick-off of the Blue Marsh Racing season I'd like to remind everyone that the first race is scheduled for Saturday, May 1. If you are interested in racing or crewing please contact me. I encourage everyone who has a trailered boat to join us for the kick-off regatta. Make sure you put the following dates on your calendar.

Saturday May 1 Kick-off Regatta
 Sunday May 16 Race Day
 Saturday June 12 BMSA Regatta

We are looking forward to a great racing year this year so get your boats ready and we look forward to seeing a great turnout on the water.

Contact me at 610-406-9320 or
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*Sean Hollis
 Racing*

Vagabonds / Daysails

Our tentative schedule and sailing locations are:

- 5/22-23 Lake Marberg,
Codorus State Park
- 6/19-20 Elk Neck State Park,
Elk River, Chesapeake Bay
- 7/10-11 Chester River, view the Log
Canoe Races
- 7/31-01 Hances Point Yacht Club,
Northeast River
- 8/28-29 Dobbins Island raft-up,
Magothy River

Upcoming Programs

At our April meeting we will have a presentation from Chesapeake Bay Yacht Clubs Association. Come out April 8th and learn about what the CBYCA is doing for sailors and boaters on the Chesapeake Bay.

For our May meeting clean out your dock boxes and lazarettes and bring your old gear to our Spring Auction. Ron Bukowski will entertain as he auctions off your old gear. Money raised will go toward future BMSA events.

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Events For April

- Saturday 4/3:
Classroom Training
- Thursday 4/8:
General Meeting.
- Monday 4/12:
Board Meeting.

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Commodore's Corner

With winter finally loosening its grip on us, I'm starting my list to get Second Wind ready for the season. Easter weekend, we'll bring her home from Gettysburg where she's been hibernating in my brother's yard all winter. So far, let's see...

- Go to marine store: teak cleaning supplies, flares, bottom paint(?)
- Clean and re-oil teak
- Scrub deck, cockpit and cabin
- Wax hull
- Check the rigging incl. cotton ball test
- Find that damn leak... probably need to rebed the winches
- Replace old ensign halyard that was shredded during Isabel
- Check electrical system - masthead light?
- Reconsider decision to redo bottom paint
- Go to Sam's Club for best price on bulk AA batteries
- Go back to marine store for stuff we missed the first time
- Check out trailer lights
- Lube the trailer winch
- Grease the bearings
- Put new sticker on the trailer
- Do spring tune-up on outboard
- Buy a new tarp
- Load up the several hundred pounds of boat gear

At this rate, I ought to be in the water by July.

*Mike Adair,
Commodore*

Minutes of the March 5, 2004 Board Meeting

Attending:

Mike & Kristel Adair, John Hackman, Bob Hartwich, Ron Bukowski, Sean Hollis, & Dennis & Kathy Arentz

Commodore Adair called the meeting to order at 7:35PM. February minutes were accepted as printed in the Tell-Tale.

Treasurer:

Bob Hartwich reported that the current balance is \$4,401.74.

Committee Reports:

Membership:

John Hackman reported that at this time we have 103 membership renewals. He is in the process of distributing the new membership cards. He is still looking for sponsors to advertise in the Log Book. The Great Outdoor Expo will be on Sunday, March 28th from 10:00 to 5:00 on the campus of RACC. John is also working on updating the brochures, newsletters, and photographs. He also reported the March social at Ganly's Pub was successful with about 30 people attending.

Tell-Tale:

John Hackman reported that he would like to try to get the Tell Tale out earlier in the month, if possible to account for beginning of the month activities.

Fleet:

Ron Bukowski reported the Spring cruise has been finalized for June 4, 5, & 6th. Details will follow in the Tell Tale. He also noted the Lake Michigan cruise is still at 4 boats participating.

Racing:

Sean Hollis reported the committee would meet in early April for Regatta and Racing season details. The committee boat will be checked over before it is used.

Training:

Kristel Adair reported that she held the second Learn To Sail session at the end of February and it went very well. The next session will be April 3rd and it will touch on how to read tidal charts and the rules of the road.

Old Business:

There was no old business.

New Business:

There was no new business.

Commodore Adair reported that the Blue Marsh Sailing Association is enrolled in the Boat US Cooperating Group Program. As a cooperating group Blue Marsh Sailing members are eligible for the basic Boat US Membership at 50% off the regular price.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20PM.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Kathy Arentz
Secretary*

Learn to Sail Class

Our third session, scheduled for Saturday, April 3rd, will cover the topics of anchoring, rules of the road, use of the radio, reading charts, and using a tide table. We will again meet at the Adair house and start promptly at 9AM.

Our 4th session will be May 8th, 9AM, at the lake (State Hill launch) with rigging boats, launching and retrieving, and a little sail time. I hope that some of the rest of our members will come out with their boats and give our new sailors a chance to practice what they've been learning. If you want to volunteer to bring your boat for this purpose, please let me know. Thanks!

Contact Kristel at 610-775-2438 or kristela@aol.com

*Kristel Adair
Training*

Learning the Racing Rules of Sailing

Rules of Racing Part III

Last month we discussed rules 14 through 19, Sections B and C. This month I am going to wrap up the rules with Section D – Other Rules, plus a few other rules that I feel will be useful to you.

Section D – Other Rules

20 STARTING ERRORS; PENALTY TURNS; MOVING ASTERN

A boat sailing towards the pre-start side of the starting line or its extensions after her starting signal to comply with rule 29.1 or 30.1 shall keep clear of a boat not doing so until she is completely on the pre-start side. A boat making a penalty turn shall keep clear of one that is not. A boat moving astern by backing a sail shall keep clear of one that is not.

21 CAPSIZED, ANCHORED OR AGROUND; RESCUING

If possible, a boat shall avoid a boat this is capsized or has not regained control after capsizing, is anchored or aground, or is trying to help a person or vessel in danger. A boat is capsized when her masthead is in the water.

22 INTERFERING WITH ANOTHER BOAT

- 22.1 If reasonably possible, a boat not racing shall not interfere with a boat that is racing.
- 22.2 A boat shall not deliberately interfere with a boat making penalty turns to delay her.

Other Racing Rules you should know

29.1 On the Course Side at the Start

When at a boat's starting signal any part of her hull, crew or equipment is on the course side of the starting line, she shall sail completely to the pre-start side of the line before starting. Unless rule 30.1 (Round-an-End Rule) is in effect, and it never is at Blue Marsh, you do not need to go around the end of the starting line, you may merely dip the line.

TOUCHING A MARK

- 31.1 While racing, a boat shall not touch a starting mark before starting, a mark that begins, bounds or ends the leg of the course on which she is sailing, or a finishing mark after finishing.
- 31.2 A boat that has broken rule 31.1 may, after getting well clear of other boats as soon as possible, take a penalty by promptly making one complete 360° turn including one tack and one gybe. When a boat takes the penalty after touching a finishing mark, she shall sail completely to the course side of the line before finishing. However, if a boat has gained a significant advantage in the race or series by touching the mark she shall retire.

PENALTIES FOR BREAKING RULES OF PART 2 – WHEN BOATS MEET

44.1 Taking a Penalty

A boat that may have broken a rule of Part 2 while racing may take a penalty at the time of the incident. Her penalty shall be a 720° Turns Penalty unless the sailing instructions specify the use of the Scoring Penalty or some other penalty. However, if she caused serious damage or gained a significant advantage in the race or series by her breach she shall retire.

44.2 720° Turns Penalty

After getting well clear of other boats as soon after the incident as possible, a boat takes a 720° Turns Penalty by promptly making two complete 360° turns (720°) in the same direction, including two tacks and two gybes. When a boat takes the penalty at or near the finishing line, she shall sail completely to the course side of the line before finishing.

There you have it. If you can get a basic understanding of the rules discussed here and the last two issues of the Tell-Tale you will have enough understanding of the rules to race anywhere.

*Sean Hollis
Racing*



Boat Smart-Boat Safe -Wear it!!

Yes, the Boat Smart-Boat Safe-Wear it, is the continuing theme for the 2004 North American Safe Boating Campaign. The theme was updated in 2003 as it lends itself to include the many aspects of safe boating. In a survey of boaters, they said "keep the safety message short, easy to understand and use it repeatedly to get the safety point across."

The primary boating organizations in North America (United States Power Squadrons, United States Coast Guard, National Safe Boating Council, Recreational Boating Safety, the National Association of State Boating Law Administrators, the Canadian Safe Boating Council and the Canadian Coast Guard are all promoting the theme.

Smart and safe boating can help in our Nation's homeland security efforts by keeping our safety forces available instead of looking for a boater that has had a mishap due to lack of education or not or not following common safety practices. Boaters simply need to Boat Smart and Boat Safe to help in this effort. Encourage the taking of safe boating course. Stress the importance of a well equipped and properly maintained boat. Stress the dangerous affects of alcohol and carbon monoxide. Be sure YOUR efforts to reach out to both the boat operators and the passengers.

For up-to-date news and information, visit the web site:

www.SafeBoatingCampaign.com

All boating organizations working together to promote the 2004 North American Safe Boating Campaign through sharing information and ideas should save lives. That is the goal.

In Pennsylvania alone, there were 74 boating accidents, 11 property damage, 9 fatalities, 63 injuries reported in 2002. The vast majority of boating accidents are caused by operator controllable factors and not by the boat, equipment or environmental factors.

More than 60% of boating fatalities result from capsizing, falling overboard or

flooding/swamping. It was the sudden and unexpected in-water experience that turned in a fatal situation.

Do you think wearing a life jacket could have helped?

The 2004 National Safe Boating Week is May 22-28. Promote it with your family and friends.

*Conrad Vanino, Jr.
CBYCA Delegate*

Lake Marberg Codorus State Park Vagabond

Hi-Ho Weekend Sailors!

The first vagabond weekend for 2004 is planned for May 22-23rd to Lake Marberg at Codorus State Park near Hanover, PA. This is a nice lake to sail, particularly for beginners, and with a restriction of 10hp there are no speed boats or jet skiers to deal with. Less than 2 hours away, Lake Marberg is close enough for those who just want to daysail on either day. For the weekenders, we have reserved camping sites at the park campground and plan a pot-luck campfire dinner.

We'll meet at the AC Moore parking lot to caravan down on Saturday morning, then return late Sunday afternoon. We'll be working on the details over the next several weeks, and if you want to go, either with your boat or as crew, WE NEED TO HEAR FROM YOU! We have a limited number of campsites reserved, and they are available on a first-come, first-served basis. If you have any questions or want to sign up, call or email me. I hope you'll join us! Contact me at 610-775-2438, mike4sail@aol.com

*Mike Adair
Vagabond Committee*

Spring Cruise

It's time to get make your plans for the Spring Cruise. In an attempt to make this one of our most successful cruises ever, I have taken all manor of craft into consideration this year. That is, we will cruise in an area that is convenient for trailer boats as well as those permanently on the Chesapeake Bay. The "official" cruise will be the weekend of June 4th, 5th and 6th.

On Friday night, June 4th, we will raft-up and anchor in Tilghman Creek on Rich Neck. Rich Neck is that point of land that separates the Eastern Bay from the Miles River. It is across the Miles River from and directly west of the entrance to the Wye River. The co-ordinates are L76-15.9W, Lo38-50.5N. This is a beautiful and protected anchorage.

On Saturday night, June 5th, We will take a slip in Castle Harbor Marina on the north end of Kent Island, off of the Chester River. Plan on bringing something for the grill for dinner and "partying" ashore. This marina has a very nice picnic area but, if you prefer, there is a restaurant within walking distance.

As an added attraction, if you would like to cruise more, several boats are making plans to start the Spring Cruise early. We will be in the Knapps Narrows Marina on Wednesday night, June 2nd. The following night we will anchor out in the Tred Avon River near Oxford on Thursday night, June 3rd.

Trailer boats will find a very nice and convenient launch ramp at the Kent Narrows. Both our Friday night and our Saturday night destinations are but a nice daysail away, in protected waters. Anyone who needs information and/or assistance to secure a permit and launch from the "narrows" should contact me.

Also, I have extended an invitation to the Schuylkill River Power Squadron to join us on the cruise this year. That means we will have several more boats joining us.

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Events Schedule for 2004

April

3 Saturday Classroom Training
8 Thursday General Meeting
12 Monday Board Meeting

May

1 Saturday Season Kick-off Race
8 Saturday Outside Training Day
13 Thursday General Meeting
16 Sunday Spring Race
17 Monday Board Meeting
22-23 Sat – Sun Vagabond / Daysail
Codorus State Park

June

4-6 Fri – Sun Spring Cruise - Kent Island
12 Saturday Regatta and Racing Picnic
13 Sunday Water Safety Festival
14 Monday Board Meeting
19-20 Sat – Sun Vagabond / Daysail

July

8 Thursday Picnic
10-11 Sat – Sun Vagabond / Daysail
Chester River
12 Monday Board Meeting
17-23 Sat – Fri Charter Trip to Lake Michigan
31 Saturday Vagabond / Daysail
Hance's Point YC, Northeast, MD

August

1 Sunday Vagabond / Daysail
12 Thursday Picnic
16 Monday Board Meeting
21 Saturday Race
28-29 Sat - Sun Vagabond / Daysail

September

9 Thursday General Meeting
12 Sunday Race
13 Monday Board Meeting
17-19 Fri – Sun Fall Cruise

October

2 Saturday Race
14 Thursday General Meeting
16 Saturday Social
17 Sunday Race
18 Monday Board Meeting

November

6 Saturday Turkey Race
13 Saturday Commodores Ball
15 Monday Board Meeting

December

3 Friday Holiday Party
6 Monday Board Meeting

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Make your plans now to cruise with us and make this one of the largest flotillas we have put on the water. As a reminder, the Fall Cruise will be over the weekend of September 17th, 18th and 19th. It will be north of the bridge so plan accordingly.

Ron Bukowski
Fleet Chair

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