

May 2004

Logbook Update

The 2004 Blue Marsh Sailing Membership Logbooks have been mailed. If you have not received your Logbook please contact John Hackman.

There are several corrections and additions that have been brought to my attention. If you see a mistake let me know and it will be corrected in the Tell Tale. I will also prepare a update page for members to add to their logbooks.

We extend a welcome to new member Christopher Burt. His contact information was included in the logbook before printing.

Please see page 7 of this Tell Tale for the updates. If you have a correction email John Hackman at membership@blumarshsailing.org or call 610-678-4437.

*John Hackman
Membership Chair*



Vagabonds / Daysails

Our tentative schedule and sailing locations for 2004 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

**Spring Meeting
& Auction**

For our May general membership 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.

Mark you calendars for the first picnic of the season. The picnic will be held Saturday June 12 following the Regatta at the Lower Heidelberg Fire Co. More details to follow.

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Events For May

- Saturday 5/1:
Kick-off Race
- Saturday 5/8:
Training at Lake
- Thursday 5/13:
General Meeting.
- Sunday 5/16:
Spring Race
- Monday 5/17:
Board Meeting.
- Saturday 5/22-23:
Codorus Vagabond

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

Commodore's Corner

It's tough being a sailor and trying to fit in other things around that pastime. Like yard work, home projects, a job, paying bills... I look at my summer calendar and I think I have 2 or 3 weekends that are not committed to boating of some kind. And I haven't even planned in time for our new kayaks.

After slogging around at half speed all winter waiting for spring to arrive, now that it's here I have more stuff to do than I have time to do it. I've started readying the boat with some cleanup chores and teak refinishing. Kristel has had me digging in the garden and there's a big pile of mulch to move - ugh! Doesn't she know I'd rather be refitting the winches or researching a new porta-potty or loading up all the gear?

We're hosting the first vagabond to Codorus, a nostalgic sailing ground for us. It was there that sailing as a pastime was rescued for us after some pretty frustrating and windless days at Blue Marsh. We hope that some of you who have not been out for a vagabond in some time (or ever) will think about joining us on one of the many weekends we have planned over the summer.

The auction at May's meeting will be a great segue into the sailing months. Bring something, anything, to auction off and have some fun. You never know what treasures you might find... The June regatta party will include a pig roast at the firehall and I would like to see a huge turnout for this first summer picnic. So put aside the lawnmower and take some time with your Blue Marsh Sailing friends; work will wait, sailing won't!

*Mike Adair,
Commodore*

Minutes of the April 12, 2004 Board Meeting

Commodore Adair called the meeting to order at 7:40 PM. March Board minutes were accepted as printed in the Tell-Tale.

Attending:

Mike & Kristel Adair, Bob Hartwich, Sean Hollis, & Dennis & Kathy Arentz

Treasurer:

Bob Hartwich reported that the current balance is \$4,497.74.

Committee Reports:

Equipment:

No report.

Membership:

Kristel Adair reported on behalf of John Hackman that the Log Books are almost ready to be mailed. John is looking to start mailing this weekend. They will be printed on 8 1/2 x 11 paper and will be bound in a report binder so that only certain sections will need to be replaced every year, not the entire book.

Racing:

Sean Hollis reported the Regatta Party will be held at the Fire Co. He proposed waiving the \$15.00 entrance fee for the Regatta participants and charging everyone a \$5.00 picnic entrance fee. The exact time will be announced at a later date. He reported there will be a pig roast at the picnic. More info to follow in the June Tell-Tale. He will also be putting an announcement in the weekend section of the newspaper and the race results in the sporting section.

Training:

Kristel Adair reported the next Training Date will be held on May 8th @ 9:00Am at the Lake. Boats and participants are needed. Please contact Kristel if interested in participating.

Vagabond:

Commodore Adair reported the 1st vagabond is all set up and slips are reserved. It will be held at Codorus State Park on May 22 and May 23.

Programs:

Commodore Adair presented to the board that maybe a percentage of each item sold at the May General Meeting Auc-

tion should be given back to the donor. The board rejected the idea with the reasoning being that the items donated are to help the club raise money.

One additional note was made that the Water Safety Festival is in June at the Lake. Details will follow.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

None

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Kathy Arentz
Secretary*

Save the Date For a Race

Make sure you put the following dates on your calendar.

Sunday May 16
Spring Race Day

Saturday June 12
BMSA Regatta

Saturday August 21

Sunday September 12

Saturday October 12

Sunday October 17

Saturday November 6
Turkey Race

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

Vagabonds- 2004

The sailing season is coming up fast. I'm sure that you, like I, have been getting the boat ready for the new season and have it about ready to go. Hopefully by the time you read this you will already have been out to the lake for our first race. I also hope that you have been planning to participate in our vagabond program this year. When the club started 20+ years ago we began these vagabond trips and for the first 8 years went to Elk Neck State Park combining sailing and camping. Then in 1989 we started venturing out to other locales primarily on the Bay which often necessitated staying in a motel and usually going to a restaurant for dinner. This was nice but raised the cost. This year we thought we would try going back to the basics with camping and preparing our own meals. However as the season progresses we will assess the group's desires and make changes accordingly.

Our five scheduled trips are spaced out over the prime sailing season which should afford everyone interested an opportunity to participate. Our destinations- 5/22 Codorus State Park, 6/19 Elk Neck State Park, 7/10 Chester River with camping tentatively planned for Duck Neck Campground, 7/31 Northeast River at Hances Point Y.C., and 8/28 Magothy River provide a variety of locales. On all the vagabonds we plan to drive there on Saturday morning, launch and sail, stay overnight, sail, and return Sunday afternoon. Daysailers who can only take in one day or prefer not to stay overnight are welcome. Mike Adair is heading up the first vagabond to Codorus and has reserved some campsites. If you have any questions, want to provide input, or desire to help in planning any of these events, please call him at 610-775-2435 or e-mail him at mike4sail@aol.com or myself at 610-678-0683 or e-mail me at tjstoner@msn.com. Your early indication of interest will aid immensely in planning these sailing adventures.

Tom Stoner
Vagabond Chairman

Season's First Vagabond: Codorus State Park

Most of the plans are in place for our first vagabond May 22-23 to Lake Marberg at Codorus State Park near Hanover, PA. We've checked out the water level, the ramp, reserved the campsites, reserved free slips for over-nighting the boats... all that's left is to fill the boats and plan the meals. We are planning a potluck supper at the campsite centered around barbecued chicken which we will provide. We will be contacting those participating to bring a side dish.

There is one reserved campsite left available - call me if you want it. We're looking for more participation here, so speak up if you want to join in - beginners, this is a great opportunity! Come for the weekend or come for the day
- It's just a little over an hour away.

For those traveling from the Reading area, we'll meet at the AC Moore parking lot at 8AM and caravan down together. If you haven't already confirmed with me that you're going, please contact me ASAP so I can plan meals, carpooling, campsites, crews, etc. So dust off those day sailers and shine up those Sunfish, and join us for a great weekend of small lake sailing without jetskis!

Contact me at 610-775-2438,
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Mike Adair
Vagabond Committee

On the Water Training

For those who have been attending the Learn-to-Sail classes this winter, our hands-on day at the lake is just around the corner. On Saturday, May 8th, at 9AM we'll meet at the State Hill ramp - those of you who have boats please bring them, otherwise I'll be recruiting other members to bring their boats for you to crew. We'll practice setting up the rigs while talking about teamwork and efficient effort.

We'll launch the boats and practice some maneuvers, so make sure you know your tacking and jibing commands. You'll have a chance to work at sail trim and taking the helm. After sailing, we'll tear the boats down and ready them for trailering home. Please plan on participating in all stages.

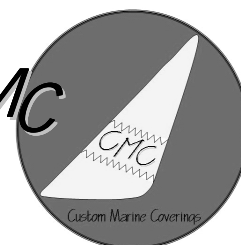
Bring a sack lunch and something to drink. There is no time limit to the day - we'll sail as long as there's wind or until we get tired. In the event of rain, we'll try to reschedule our training day for another weekend. But don't let an overcast sky keep you away - sometimes the wind is better when there are clouds.

ALL MEMBERS ARE WELCOME TO JOIN US FOR A DAY SAIL. Those of my students attending, please confirm with me in advance so I can arrange for an appropriate number of boats/captains.

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Trainer's Talk

Much of my experience is as a trailer sailor, and there are things that are unique to that experience. With the Chesapeake Bay within a do-able distance, and several good lakes in the area, a trailer sailor can see lots of varied waters. The Bay is enticing with all the rivers and creeks to explore, but sometimes getting there can be a problem.

Finding a ramp, and the right kind of ramp, is key to a pleasant experience.

Charts of the Bay show where ramps are located, but the information is not always fully enlightening. Nothing will hinder a fun day of sailing like having trouble at the ramp. What can you do to avoid problems? At the top of the list is do your homework.

If you're going to a location that you've never sailed before, do a little research to find out what you can expect:

- Is the water good for sailing (sufficient depth and open area)?
- What other kinds of boaters will you find there? If you have an aversion to jetskis like I do, you might prefer a lake with limited horsepower. Is it a place the Bass Masters like to fish? If so, you might want to find out the schedule of their tournaments so you'll be aware of heavy traffic at the ramp.
- Is the ramp suitable for sailboats (again, sufficient depth for launching/retrieving, no overhanging wires to snag your mast, no low hanging tree limbs, sufficient dockspace, etc)?
- Is the water tidal? Do you need to be concerned with a low tide situation making it impossible to launch or retrieve? Get a tide table for the area and find out what you're dealing with. Be aware of the tidal range - how much does the tide go up and down? Six feet in the northern Delaware Bay came as a big surprise to us and we were unable to get our boat OUT when we needed to.
- What is the cost to use the ramp? Many ramps in Maryland are county ramps and require a permit to be purchased at a particular location. They don't make it easy for out-of-staters, but it's not impossible.
- If you're going to be away overnight, can you leave your trailer at the ramp?

Nothing replaces personally checking out the location and talking to the locals who use the ramp. Even if the location is several hours away, it is WELL worth the effort to scout it in advance.

Kristel Adair
Training Chairman

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.

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

Events Schedule for 2004

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

"Racing and, ahem, Rhetoric"

It's finally that time of year again, by the time you read this we will have our first race under our belt. As I am writing this it is raining outside, as it has been for at least the last 24 hours, and keeping me from getting some work done on my boat. And if history is any indicator, tomorrow's newspaper will announce that the official rain total is .54 inches. It is always .54 inches. The rain gauge that I have in my backyard will show 2 inches, the paper will show rain totals throughout the county all over 2 inches, and the official total for the county is always .54 inches. Now I have a theory for why that is. I believe the county's official rain gauge is under a roof somewhere and what they are actually measuring is the condensation that happens to build up in the gauge. Go ahead and laugh but keep in mind it is a government operation, and with the exception of the military I dare you to name one thing that government does better than the private sector, go ahead, I'll reserve space in this column next month for your suggestions. And to think there are actually some people out there who want to socialize our health care system, go figure. Now back to the subject of working on my boat, as is the case every spring I am being kept away from my real objective of working on my boat by yard work. Mowing grass, eradicate dandelions, edging flowerbeds, and to top it all off, my wife made me remodel the powder room this spring. I'm telling you, if it weren't for women, men would live in tents and be quite content about it. And the reason they would be content is that they would have all their work on their boats done. To prove my point lets take a look at some Islamic cultures (hey John, as membership chairman you would let me know if we had any Islamic members wouldn't you), many of them don't let their wives have any say in anything and they live in tents, and have harems too. If their wives had any influence do you think either of these conditions would take place? Furthermore, they don't even give women a say in whom they marry, their marriages are arranged. Their families get together, much like the NFL on draft day, and trade goats and camels for brides to be named at a later date. Many never see their intended spouse until the wedding day, and with the women wearing veils and berkas it probably leads to some interesting wedding nights – much like the BMSA Christmas party (you could end up with something nice, or you could end up with the fish). Which is probably where the custom of covering their faces started from, either that or they have a nationalized dental system. No doubt about it, life for women in some Islamic cultures is no fun, which is probably why you will never see that Girls Gone Wild in Islamabad video. Back to racing, our second race is scheduled for Sunday May 16th. And don't forget the regatta on Saturday June 12th. This year's regatta will include a pig roast at the party along with all the beer you can drink, or until it runs out. Furthermore, all participants will get a commemorative T-shirt and those choosing not to participate can buy one at the party. While the race committee was paging through the Todd Lengle's catalog for the T-shirt section we did come across an item that we did contemplate for a few minutes. But since we now how much this club doesn't like change we passed over the idea of Regatta Thongs, perhaps Anna ought to look into BMSA thongs for our members to wear. While cleaning up the committee boat, Paul and I mentioned them to Commodore Mike Adair, and you could actually see the wheels turning as he contemplated them, I think he was visualizing the membership wearing them. There will be no charge to participate in the Regatta this year but all those 13 and older will have to pay \$5.00 at the party. We hope to see you there!

Sean Hollis
Race Committee chairman

Corrections and Additions for your Logbook

Below is a recent member whose name and contact information I forgot to add to the log:

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