

**June 2004**

**Wednesday Night  
Sailing**

The good old summertime is rapidly approaching and for us sailors that means sailing, sailing, and more sailing! For virtually every sailing organization a mid-week break from work to enjoy our sport is a high priority. We're no different- we encourage all of you with trailerable boats to get them up to the lake on Wednesday nights. We usually start with the first Wednesday in June but due to the spring cruise most people will start on June 9<sup>th</sup>. It's a great opportunity to get help with your boat if needed and socialize with new and old members. If your boat is berthed on the Bay it's a chance to get on the water midweek or if you're still trying to decide which boat might be in your future this is a chance to test drive before buying. We usually stop in at Ganly's afterwards. Plan on being there! We'll be looking for you! If you have any questions please call.

Please contact me at 610-678-0683.  
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*Tom Stoner*  
*Vagabond Chairman*

**Vagabonds / Daysails**

Our tentative schedule and sailing locations for 2004 are:

- 6/19 Elk Neck State Park Daysail, Elk River, Chesapeake Bay  
Raindate 6/20.
- 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



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**Events For June**

- Friday-Sunday 6/4-6/6:  
Spring Cruise
- Saturday 6/12:  
Regatta & Picnic
- Sunday 6/13:  
Water Safety Fest
- Monday 6/14:  
Board Meeting.
- Saturday- Sunday 6/19:  
Elk Neck Daysail.

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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

After a false start on the May 8th Training Day, Second Wind finally saw water this past weekend on the Codorus vagabond. We had two great afternoons of 10-15 knot breezes at Lake Marberg that made for excellent sailing. The heat dissipated in the evening as we sat around the campfire, and even through the night a light breeze made sleeping in the tent quite comfortable.

The horsepower limit has been raised at Lake Marberg from 10 to 20hp, which still eliminates jet skis and any recreational towing. It's a sailor's haven and a nice size lake to enjoy all points of sail. Codorus State Park is very clean and the ramps, while lacking something in dock length, are quite serviceable if one is vigilant about overhanging tree limbs. Overnight dockage was free with the campsite so we didn't have to haul the boats out. All this just an hour and a half from Reading!

I hope more of you will participate in our vagabonds over the summer. It's a great way for new sailors to get involved in the club and to gain some confidence having the company of others in case of a problem. Aside from that, they're just great fun.

Next stop... Spring Cruise. See you on the water!

*Mike Adair,  
Commodore*

## Minutes of the May 17, 2004 Board Meeting

### Attending:

Mike & Kristel Adair, Bob Hartwich, Tom & Jan Stoner, Rick Spleen, Sean Hollis, Russ Witzke, Heidi Moser, & Kathy Arentz

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

### Treasurer:

Bob Hartwich reported the current balance at \$4,109.22. The auction brought in \$101.00.

### CBYCA:

Russ Witzke reported that the CBYCA representatives that came up here to speak at our April General Meeting did a nice job and the club appreciates their efforts. The next delegates' meeting is on August 21<sup>st</sup> at the Miles River Yacht Club. Contact Conrad if you would like to attend.

### Equipment:

Sean Hollis reported that he replaced the trailer lights on the committee boat. Kathy Arentz reported on behalf of Dennis Arentz that Dennis took the grill home and cleaned it out. He bought a new tank of gas, a new grill brush, and new lava rock briquettes for it.

### Membership:

The Board discussed different ways to get more participation from members at different sailing events.

### Safety:

Heidi Moser reported there is a meeting on Wednesday to discuss different safety oriented ideas for the Water Safety Festival. The Water Safety Festival is on June 13<sup>th</sup> and is being held at the Day Use Area of Blue Marsh from noon until 5:00PM. The club will donate a tote bag to be used as a prize for the scavenger hunt.

### Tell-Tale:

John Hackman has requested that members get their Tell Tale articles in to him a little earlier because of the summer season being busier.

### Racing:

Sean Hollis reported that the second race took place. There was a big article about it in the Reading Eagle.

The next race will be the Regatta, which will be held on June 12<sup>th</sup>. T-Shirts will be given to racing participants. If you are not a racing participant, you will have the opportunity to purchase a T-Shirt. There will also be no entry fee for the racing participants. There will be a \$5.00 fee for picnic goers, which will include a pig roast. The picnic will start at 5:00PM and the Pig Roast will be served at 6:00PM. Sean is looking for more boats to participate. Please contact him if you are interested in participating.

### Training:

Kristel Adair reported that training is complete for the year. It was a success. She is hoping the people that have gone through the training will come out to the Lake for the Wednesday night sails. Tom Stoner will be putting an article in the Tell Tale to announce the beginning of the Wednesday night sails.

### Vagabond:

Tom Stoner reported that Saturday May 22<sup>nd</sup> is the first vagabond. There will be 4 boats participating. The next one will be at Elk Neck State Park on June 19 – June 20. The third vagabond is on the Chester River on July 10 – July 11. The fourth is at Hances Point on July 31 – August 1. And the final one for the year is on the Magothy River on August 28 – August 29. Tom discussed ways we can get more participation.

### Old Business:

None

### New Business:

None

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45PM.

*Respectfully Submitted,  
Kathy Arentz  
Secretary*

## Vagabonds- 2004

The sailing season is upon us. 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 scheduled trips are spaced out over the prime sailing season which should afford everyone interested an opportunity to participate. Our destinations- 6/19 Elk Neck Daysailing, 7/10 Chester River we will now be staying in a motel, 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. If you have any questions, want to provide input, or desire to help in planning any of these events, please call me at 610-678-0683 or e-mail me at [tjstoner@msn.com](mailto:tjstoner@msn.com). Your early indication of interest will aid immensely in planning these sailing adventures.

*Tom Stoner  
Vagabond Chairman*

## Regatta and Pig Roast

Once again it is time for our annual sailing bacchanalia. Our annual regatta is going to be held this year on Saturday June 12 at the State Hill Ramp followed by a Pig Roast in back of the Fire Company. The skippers meeting will be held at 10:30 with the first race getting off at about 11:00. When the racing is done we will have our regatta party starting at 5:00 with the pig making its grand arrival at about 6:00. This year we are going to give T-shirts to all participants at the Regatta. These are T-shirts that everyone is going to want to have in their wardrobe, they will be 100% cotton and the artwork will have 4 colors silk-screened on. Those choosing not to participate (why in the world would anybody not want to participate?) will be able to purchase T-shirts at \$10.00 each. The picnic / party / pig roast will include a keg of beer donated by All-Star Distributing. Furthermore, music will include the favorite songs of the race committee (membership has its privilege). Participation at the Regatta is free (what a deal) and all those over 13 will be asked to pay \$5.00 admission at the party. All those attending the party are asked to bring a side dish, check below for guidance.

A - G .....Side dish  
H - P .....Salad  
Q - Z.....Dessert

Don't forget, those choosing not to attend will be talked about.

## Elk Neck Vagabond Switched into Daysail

I recently emailed a questionnaire to members who have been on Vagabonds in the last few years regarding preferences regarding the vagabonds. Based on the few returns and after talking to those on the first vagabond the following changes have been made:

The Vagabond to Elk Neck on June 19-20 will be a day trip on Saturday, June 19, with a rain date of June 20.

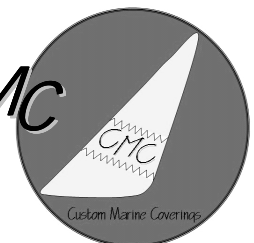
The July Vagabond to the Chester River will be a motel affair rather than camping out.

Other details will be announced as soon as they are known.

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*Tom Stoner  
Vagabond Chairman*

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## Trainer's Talk

It's a good thing I began this year's training classes with the statement that I am no expert. So when I make a monumental, albeit unwitting, blunder I can safely say that I am as subject to error as the next guy. Never mind the chagrin I felt at having this avoidable event happen in front of my class. This was too important a lesson for me to share so that others can see how easily and quickly things can go wrong.

It began with a minor change to our normal routine of trailering our boat. Beware of steps that can be missed when you alter your usual methods! We carry a 12-volt battery in the cockpit for the electric start on our outboard. It sits in a plastic case with a lid. The lid, unfortunately, does not snap on so we have a bungee cord of just the right length to secure the lid. However, on this particular day the bungee cord was not to be found. To avoid losing the cover to the wind on the ride out to the lake, we removed it and would replace it once we arrived. We forgot.

As I am standing in the cockpit untying the stays and shrouds and talking about the options that can be used to secure items while trailering, John Koller said, "Hey, I see flames!" FLAMES?!?!? I looked down and KABOOM, the battery blew off its caps quite literally four feet from my face!

The headstay just happened to have fallen across both terminals on the battery and generated the miniature conflagration. We were quite fortunate that no battery acid was dispersed; the flames extinguished themselves immediately so there was no peripheral damage, and I only suffered a minor burn as I pulled the stay away from the battery. The stay was history and needed to be replaced (thank you Catalina Direct for your speedy service), and the battery was totaled as well.

When I think of how much worse the incident could have been, it's a sobering thought. It was a situation I had never considered before; although I now understand such things have happened to mechanics working with their tools under the hood of a car... misplace a wrench and watch out! I am much more careful around the battery now and routinely speak my mnemonic device aloud when hooking up the outboard's electric cables to the battery: "black is death, death is negative, black is negative". And I'll always make sure we have that darn bungee.

*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

### 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	Elk Neck 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	Magothy 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

## May Racing Results

Skipper	Race 1	Race 2	Race 3	Race 4	Race 5	Race 6	Overall	Place
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### Race 1, May 1st

Lou Brown	3	4	2	4			9	4
Paul Dovin	4	0.75	0.75	0.75			2.25	1
Bob Hartwich	5	5	5	5			15	5
Sean Hollis	2	2	4	3			7	3
Tom Stoner	0.75	3	3	2			5.75	2

### Race 2, May 16th

Lou Brown	4	4	Scratch	3			11	4
Paul Dovin	0.75	0.75	Scratch	0.75			2.25	1
Bob Hartwich	5	5	Scratch	DNS			15	5
Sean Hollis	2	2	Scratch	2			6	2
Tom Stoner	3	3	Scratch	4			10	3

With the generous amount of throw outs that the race committee has allowed this year, everyone in the club is still in the running for the 2004 season championship. So come on out and make a run for it.

2004

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