

**August 2004**

### August Picnic

Mark your calendars for the August BMSA picnic – this last picnic of the summer will be held on August 12th at 6:00pm at the Coast Guard Auxiliary. To finish off BMSA’s picnicking in true summer style, we will have a Tiki theme. Feel free to wear Hawaiian shirts (tacky or not, they set the mood) and think tropical! Decor, music, and mood will follow suit. Members are asked to bring a side dish, dessert, or salad.

A – G dessert  
H – P side dish  
Q – Z salad

*Lara and Tom Zerkowski*

### Save the Date For a Race

Make sure you put the following dates on your calendar.

- 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.

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### Vagabonds / Daysails

Our tentative schedule and sailing locations for 2004 are:

8/28-29 Dobbins Island raft-up,  
Magothy River

### Events For August

- Thursday 8/12:  
Picnic—USCGA
- Monday 8/16:  
Board Meeting
- Saturday 8/21:  
Race.
- Saturday-Sunday 8/28-29:  
Vagabond / Daysail  
Magothy River.

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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

Dodging the rain this summer has made sailing a challenge, but it's still been possible to find days to enjoy our pas-time. Ok, maybe not on Wednesday nights-seems the wind gods play golf that day, but we've still enjoyed the social time and exercising Stoners' motor.

The vagabond to the Chester River was really enjoyable, even though the first ramp didn't work out for us for lack of water. The 2nd ramp we found was a gem! Located just outside Rock Hall in Long Cove Creek, it put us out on the Chester River just opposite the Corsica. It's a county ramp with ample parking, a loooooong dock, and plenty of water to launch even at low tide. We'll definitely use it again because the Chester is a lovely, relatively quiet place to sail (take note, small boaters). Watching the log canoe races in the afternoon was just swell, and we got to see what happens when a positive righting arm becomes negative as one fell over right in front of us rounding the downwind mark!

Having just returned from the Lake Michigan trip, I can honestly say that it's a beautiful place to sail. The water is incredible-perfectly clear and the colors of the Caribbean blues and greens we all love. No worries about shallow waters there! Depths were in the hundreds of feet, and where there were shoals, their bright turquoise green color gave them away.

Lake Michigan, or more specifically Traverse Bay, is not at all like the Chesapeake; there are many miles between harbors and, therefore, marinas; there was very little traffic even on the weekends; and remarkably few marks by which to navigate (a GPS is a must). While we were there, the winds were almost always up by midday, sometimes earlier. A couple of days were quite brisk, and while the thunderstorm we experienced on the water was a little unsettling with its 50-knot gusts, we weathered through it. The little towns like Petosky and Elk Rapids have a charming, hometown feel reminiscent of a Norman Rockwell painting. We spent one evening watching a girls' softball game at a neighboring field and felt right at home.

Please note that there is one vagabond left in August which is the rendezvous in the Magothy. Let's make this a real event and see how many Blue Marsh boaters we can get in one place. We hope all you big boaters in the area will join us for the last summer cruising event. See you on the water!

*Mike Adair,  
Commodore*

## Minutes of the July 2004 Board Meeting

The July Board Meeting was Cancelled.

### Chester River Vagabond Wrap-up

The day dawned beautiful for our trip to the Bay and the trip down went smoothly and as planned. However upon our arrival at the Cliff's Point State Ramp we found the tide to be out and the ramp so flat that it was unusable. A quick search up the river to the next ramp found it to be equally unusable. So off we went down river to the next state ramp at Long Cove. This is on the bay side of Langford Creek. This is a steep ramp with a long dock alongside and good parking- and only \$10 for a three day pass! Make note of it for future access to the Chester River. The four boats (Adairs, Doughertys, Stajkowskis, and Stoners with Whans as crew) sailed out to catch the Saturday afternoon log canoe race. The winds were light but strong enough to knock down one of the canoes on a buoy rounding. I have always been intrigued by these beautiful sailing craft. To have your crew perched out on planks to windward to balance the voluminous sails is a trick. After a nice day of sailing we headed back to the motel for a dip in the pool and happy hour. A nice dinner next door at the Black Eyed Susan (not fancy but extensive menu) finished off the day and us as we all collapsed into our rooms. Sunday turned out to be a nice sunny day but windless. We motored up Langford Creek for a look-see. Even the log canoes bagged their race for the day. By 1:00 p.m. we were ready to head home.

*Tom Stoner  
Vagabond Chairman*

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## Racing News

The racing committee hopes that everyone has been enjoying their midsummer respite from racing and want to remind everyone that we will be resuming our 2004-racing season on Saturday August 21<sup>st</sup>. We are looking forward to building onto the success of the Regatta. Furthermore, I am going to go out on a limb here and guarantee that we will have more wind on this day than we had for the regatta. To back that up I will personally reimburse the ramp fees to everyone who brings a boat to this race if the winds are not greater than what we had at the regatta, how's that for putting my money where my mouth is. If anyone is wishing to crew for someone else, or needs crew, please call me at (610) 406-9320 or e-mail me at shollis@ptd.net.

*Sean Hollis, Racing*

# Events Schedule for 2004

## 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

## \$250,000 Fine for Kayaker



The U.S. Coast Guard is serious about security at the Port of Rochester.

A \$250,000 fine has been handed out to a kayaker who breached the security zone around the Fast Ferry.

As part of Homeland Security guidelines, it's routine for the tight security around the boat, and all boaters must stay clear.

Coast Guard staffer Jeff Schnars says, "It's not an easy task at all. Our workload has tripled. Every time the fast ferry comes in or out, we are out there."

Last week, the kayaker came within arm's length of the ferry and got busted

by the Coast Guard. A ticket with a quarter-million dollar penalty and/or six years in jail was issued.

Schnars says, "He was picked up ... He was given a ticket for willfully violating the security zone."

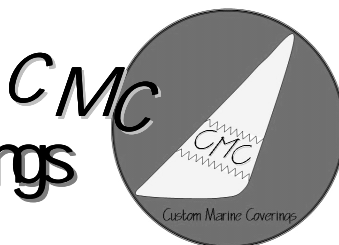
In April, before the fast ferry came to town, boaters were warned to stay clear.

Boater Michael Nemergut says, "They made it clear for quite a few months. I mean, if he pays attention, then he should abide. If he did not, then he should pay the penalty."

The Coast Guard hopes other boaters will use this as an example.

Nicole Johnson, WROC-TV8 - Rochester, NY -7/8/2004

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