

September 2004

September Meeting

Please join us on Thursday, September 9 at the Lower Heidelberg Fire Company. The folks from West Marine will once again be joining us this time to discuss preparing your boat for winter storage. We promise everyone their discussion will not be as long as the Spring commissioning presentation they gave at the March meeting.

**Fire Company Breakfasts
to Resume**

The Lower Heidelberg Fire Company will once again be serving Sunday morning breakfasts. The breakfasts begin at 7:30a.m. and run until 12 noon. There will be a wide menu to chose from. The breakfast dates are as follows:

- September 26
- October 24
- November 21
- December 19
- January 30
- February 27
- March 13
- April 10

**Save the Date
For a Race**

Make sure you put the following dates on your calendar.

Sunday September 12

Saturday October 12

Sunday October 17

Saturday November 6
Turkey Race

We are looking forward to great racing year we look forward to seeing you on the water.

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Events For September

- Thursday 9/9:
General Meeting.
- Sunday 9/12:
Race.
- Monday 9/13:
Board Meeting.
- Friday– Sunday 9/17-9/19:
Fall Cruise.

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the second THURSDAY of each month unless otherwise announced.
(7:30 Social, 8:00 Meeting)

Commodore's Corner

Well, I did hear from Larry. In fact, he and Dale came to the August picnic and it was great to see them and catch up with their lives a little. They have been spending a lot of time with their grandchildren; in fact "Camp Grandma" is the twins' daycare, according to Dale. The various aspects of their everyday life seem to take precedence over Blue Marsh Sailing activities, and I suspect that many of our members have the same experience as the Seward's.

Blue Marsh Sailing is not alone in having a limited number of members being regularly active in its activities. It's a common phenomenon among social/recreational clubs. We all have lives that are full with work, travel, family, church, and other community involvements. Yet, we all joined Blue Marsh for a reason, and I'd like to think that it's because of the great friendships that we've made over the years, or the new ones we hope to make that are all centered on our interest in sailing.

My message here is that we value all of you as friends and members of this club, and we try to provide plenty of opportunities for us to gather and enjoy our common interests. There are still plenty of activities coming up for the rest of the season--races, the Fall Cruise, Games Night at our October meeting, the Commodore's Ball, and the Christmas party--make the commitment to even one of these events and you'll be glad you did.

The Commodore's Ball promises to be a really great event this year with a return to Galen Hall and our own John Koller as DJ (details and reservation form elsewhere in this Tell-Tale). The reservations must be in early this year, however, so fill out your reservation NOW and get it in. See you there!

*Mike Adair,
Commodore*

Minutes of the August 16, 2004 Board Meeting

Attending:

Mike & Kristel Adair, Dave Miller, John Hackman, Bob Hartwich, Ron Bukowski, Jan Dougherty, Tom & Lara Zerkowski, Sean Hollis, & Dennis & Kathy Arentz

Commodore Adair called the meeting to order at 7:40PM.

Treasurer:

Bob Hartwich reported that the current balance is \$3,213.31.

CBYCA:

No Report

Chaplain:

Jan Dougherty reported there was no activity this month.

Equipment:

No Report

House:

Dave Miller reported Sunday breakfasts will begin again at the Lower Heidelberg Fire Company.

Membership:

John Hackman reported we have 1 new club member with the total membership right now being at 108. He sent out inquiries but hasn't heard back from anyone yet.

Publicity:

No Report

Fleet:

It was reported by Ron Bukowski that the Fall Cruise is set for September 17th & 18th. On the 17th, the boaters will be anchoring on Turner Creek on the Sassafra River and on the 18th, boaters will be renting a slip in the Sassafra Harbor Marina in Georgetown. He mentioned there are launch sites nearby. For the extended portion of the Fall cruise, on Thursday night, the boaters will anchor on Fairlee Creek, and on Sunday night, slips will be reserved at Tolchester Marina. If anyone is interested, please contact Ron because of slip reservations.

Racing:

Sean Hollis reported the next race will be a race on October 2nd. This Saturday racing

will start again. He mentioned the committee boat has a registration but not the trailer. Nobody knows who has it.

Training:

No Report

Vagabond:

Commodore Mike Adair reported in Tom Stoner's absence that the last vagabond is lined up for 8/28 and 8/29 on the Magohy River.

Programs:

Commodore Mike Adair reported in Rick Spleen's absence and confirmed that West Marine has been lined up for the September general meeting.

Social:

Lara Zerkowski reported the Commodore's Ball will be held at Galen Hall and it will be a sit down dinner. She will have the menu choices and the final count at the next meeting. Programs were discussed. The centerpieces are being worked on. The DJ will be John Koller and he is donating his services free of charge to the club.

The October Social was discussed and ideas were thrown around about combining the October General Meeting with the October Social. The General Meeting would be given a theme (maybe Hoagie Party or Game Night?).

The Christmas Party will be held on Friday, December 3rd at the Fire Hall. Details will follow.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

A new nominating committee needs to be put together, per Commodore Mike Adair. John Hackman asked if Officers could let him know who would like to stay on as board members.

The next meeting will be Sept 13, 2004.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Kathy Arentz*

Magothy River Wrap-up

Our last vagabond of the year looked more like a fall-cruise than a vagabond! Three trailerables met up with four cruisers for an afternoon raft-up behind Dobbins Island. The three trailerables- John and Vivian Koller, Tony and Mary Stajkowski, and Lou Brown and myself traveled to Sandy Point State Park where we launched. Sandy Point with their accommodating staff, large parking lot, and many ramps has to be the premier launch site on the East Coast. The day was perfect for sailing with strong and steady winds. A single tack took us half way across to the Eastern Shore and another back into the Magothy River made for an easy trip to the raft-up. There we found Lewis Barr with crew Armondo Antonini and Harry and Sissie Elder anchoring the building raft. They were soon joined by Don DeMuzio and his family, Ron and Sandi Bukowski, Conrad and Barbara Vanino, and the trailerables. Eventually all made their way to the commodious cat where Captain Louis welcomed us and Sissie was the perfect hostess dispensing drinks. Eventually we broke up the raft-up to spend the night on our individual anchors. An immense full moon rose overhead and along with a gentle breeze it was a perfect night.

Mother Nature finally gave us a break by giving us another perfect day with great winds to push us over the building waves so common around the Bay Bridge. Several long tacks again brought us back to the park. Isn't it amazing how a couple days of great sailing can make you feel so good afterward! I hope you've had an enjoyable summer!

*Tom Stoner
Vagabond*



2004 Fall Cruise

It's time to make your plans for the Fall Cruise. Once again, 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 September 17th, 18th and 19th.

On Friday night, September 17th, we will raft-up and anchor in Turner Creek on the Sassafras River. The co-ordinates are, lat 39-21.9N, long 76-58.8W .

On Saturday night, September 18th we will take a slip in Sassafras Harbor Marina in Georgetown. There is a restaurant or two within walking distance, or if you prefer, bring something for the grill for dinner and "partying" ashore.

As an added attraction, as in the Spring Cruise, if you would like to cruise more, several boats are making plans to start the Fall Cruise early. We will be anchored in Fairlee Creek on Thursday night, September 16th. On our way home on Sunday night, September 19th we will stop at Tolchester Marina.

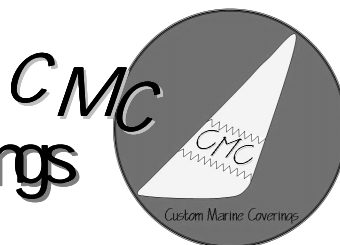
Trailer boats will find a number of nice and convenient launch ramps nearby such as in Middle River, the Northeast River or in Georgetown on the Sassafras River.

Once again, I have extended an invitation to the Schuylkill River Power Squadron to join us on the cruise this year. Several of their members are also BMSA members.

Make your plans now to cruise with us. Call Jay Moyer about reservations at Sassafras Harbor Marina. His number is 610-374-8956. You will have to make your own reservations at Tolchester Marina if you want to stop there. Call me if you need any more information.

*Ron Bukowski
Fleet*

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Trainer's Talk

We sailors have a lingo all our own, and part of the fun of sailing is learning "boatspeak". Some are common words or phrases that have other meanings in everyday speech. Just for fun, I wrote a short conversation between two sailors--Commodore Mike Adair and his Fleet Captain, Ron Bukowski--that incorporates nautical words and/or expressions that are used in a different context, or are spelled differently but sound the same. I count 26 of them--how many can you find? And secondly, how many of these actual nautical terms can you define?

Answers are on page 6.

"Hi, Mike, it's Ron. Just got done having a bite to eat and thought I'd call you back."

"Hi, Ron, thanks for calling. There's a matter I wanted to discuss with you but I wasn't sure how to broach the subject. I hear that Conrad is heading to Florida to look at a big powerboat. How did that come about?"

"I haven't got a clue! All he told me was that he was looking in the mirror one morning while he was combing his hair and, boom! out of the clear blue he decided he wanted to trade his sailboat for a power boat."

"I can't fathom why he would consider such a thing! He's not really going to give up on sailing, is he?" Mike said, scratching his head.

"Well, he does have a flair for the dramatic. Man, I'd like to deck him!" Ron exclaimed.

"That's a pretty stern tone, Ron," Mike jibed with a grin. "Conrad might be a little ding-y, but that's no reason to hatch an egg over the whole thing."

"Ok, ok. Hey, listen, Sandi gave me a Honey-do list of things to get done today, like calling the painter, fixing the heel of her shoe, and folding the sheets when they come out of the dryer, but how about meeting me later for a draft at Ganly's?"

"Sure, as long as we don't stay too late. I need to wake up early for work tomorrow. Can you make it by 6:00?"

"I should be able to reach Ganly's by then. Oh, by the way, I'm cleaning out the coat closet and have all these extra sailing hats. What's your cap size?"

Kristel Adair
Training Chairman

Racing News

The racing committee hopes that everyone has been enjoying their midsummer respite from racing. Our August race was washed out by a late morning storm. We still had several boats turn out despite the challenge from mother nature, but in this case mom prevailed with thunder and lightening.

We want to remind everyone that the next race is Sunday, September 12th. We are looking forward to a good turn out for our remaining Fall races. 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



CBYCA Report

The last CBYCA Delegates Meeting is Saturday, August 21, 2004 at the Miles River YC, in St. Michaels, MD. This was the annual election meeting for the new officers.

I have had several communications with Vice Commodore John Garlotta and Commodore Betty A. Stahler during the past month regarding the upcoming election for 2005. This is a contested election as two members who were not offered the positions that they desired by the nominating committee, turned down the positions that they were going to be nominated for and then secured the necessary signatures from five MD Clubs to run for two other positions. While it may appear to be a weakness of CBYCA, I believe that it shows strength. Reason is that they have many members who desire to be in leadership positions. That is good. Too many organizations do not have enough members who will step up to the plate to serve and the organizations have to recycle prior leaders to continue from year to year.

Conrad Vanino, Jr.
CBYCA Delegate

Events Schedule for 2004

Welcome New Members

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

This month we would like to welcome three new members to Blue Marsh Sailing. We look forward to meeting Frank Wilmer and Paul and Ann Grancey at our Fall activities and invite them to join us at our Winter social activities.

For you logbooks:

Frank Wilmer
200 Mill Road, Schwenksville, PA 19473
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Answers to Trainer's Talk (in order of appearance):

Bight: open or closed loop in a line or rope

Back: change in direction of the wind in a CCW direction

Broach: turning a boat broadside to wind or waves, subjecting it to possible capsizing.

Heading: direction in which a boat is pointing

Come about: bring the bow of a sailboat through the wind

Clew: the aft lower corner of a sail

Coaming: a raised section around a hatch or cockpit to keep out water

Boom: spar used to extend and control foot of sail

Fathom: unit of length for measuring water depth; 1 fathom = 6 feet

Knot: nautical MPH measure of speed; 1 nautical mile (NM) = 6076 feet; also a joining of two lines

Head: a boat's toilet; the upper corner of a sail; foremost part of a vessel

Flare: outward curve of a vessel's side near the bow; an ignitable signal device

Deck: horizontal covering resting on the deck beams of a vessel; the floor of any compartment

Stern: the aft end of a vessel

Jibe: bringing the stern of a sailboat through the wind

Dinghy: a small open boat used as a tender and lifeboat for a yacht

Hatch: a covered opening in the deck

List: the leaning of a vessel to one side caused by misplaced gear or shifting cargo

Painter: a line tied to the bow of a dinghy for towing or making fast

Heel: the leaning of a vessel to one side such as caused by wind

Sheets: lines used to position a sail relative to the wind

Draft: the depth a vessel sinks when afloat as measured vertically from the water line to the lowest point

Stay: standing rigging that supports a mast fore and aft

Wake: the disturbed water following a moving vessel

Reach: point of sailing with wind near the beam

Capsize: to turn over, upset

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