

December 2004



Christmas Party

The annual BMSA Holiday Party will be held on **Friday, December 3** at the Lower Heidelberg Fire Company. Festivities begin at **6:30** with a buffet dinner featuring the delicious Miller's ham plus an assortment of side dishes and desserts.

Members whose last names start with A-L are encouraged to bring a side dish, while members whose last names start with M-Z are encouraged to bring a dessert. Alcoholic beverages will not be served, but feel free to bring your own.

The always exciting Chinese gift giving will follow the meal. Remember to receive a gift you have to bring one... be it old or new, funny or sincere, it's always lots of fun!

Fire Company Breakfasts

The Lower Heidelberg Fire Company is again serving Sunday Morning Breakfasts. Breakfasts begin at 7:30 a.m. and continue until 12:00 noon. There will be a wide menu to choose from. The breakfast dates are as follows:

December 19
January 30
February 27
March 13
April 10



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Events For December

Friday, 12/3:
Christmas Party

Monday, 12/6:
Board Meeting

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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

November 15, 2004 Board Meeting Minutes

Wow, what an incredible Commodore's Ball. I was very impressed by the turnout and am happy to now be serving as your new Commodore. I'm now looking forward to seeing as many of my fellow sailors come out to as many events as possible in the upcoming year ahead. I'd like to welcome and thank the folks who comprise my board and committee chairs this year.

Look for the 2005 calendar in next months Tell Tale. I'd especially like to thank Tom and Lara for pulling together the Commodore's Ball and all the centerpieces. I'd also like to give a big thanks to John for his dinner music and DJ services. And of course Vivian for assisting John and getting everyone motivated to hit the dance floor over the course of the evening. Thanks to everyone else who assisted in planning the Ball.

Membership renewals for next year will be going out in early December please show you support of Blue Marsh Sailing Association by renewing your membership. Also on you member form please indicate the types of activities you would like to help out with.

This is your organization and the board and I need your input in planning events. Knowing not just your interests, but also the types of activities you what to participate in will help make for a great year ahead. Please get involved in as many events as you can.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

*John Hackman,
Commodore*

Attending:

John Hackman, Heidi Moser, Dave Miller, Doug Hill, Lara and Tom Zerkowski, Mike Ghent, Tom and Jan Stoner, Bob Hartwich, Kristel and Mike Adair, Vivian Koller and Jan Dougherty.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm by Commodore Hackman. The October Minutes were corrected to reflect that not only would the day of the proposed general meeting change from Thursday to Wednesday, but also the time would change to start the social hour at 7:00 pm and general meeting at 7:30 pm. These changes will be voted upon at the December meeting/Christmas Party.

Treasurer: Bob Hartwich reported a balance of \$1,321.02. Ruth Miller will audit the books for 2004.

Social: The Christmas Party will be on December 2. Lara still needs a Santa.

Equipment: Dennis will pass all equipment on to Mike Dougherty.

House: Dave reported that Sunday would be breakfast at the Fire Company. Dues to the Fire Company are due and notices will be sent out with the BMSA dues renewal letters. Also, the BMSA sign at the Fire Company needs refurbished. A volunteer artist will be sought.

Membership: Current roster stands at 114. Dues renewal letters will go out in December.

Program: This committee is still lacking a Chair.

Racing: Sean reported on the Turkey Race. The Hamburg Item will publish an article and we will try

to obtain a few extra copies of the article for the Historian.

Stores: An order has been placed.

Tell-Tale: Doug Hill is assuming the duties of Editor. He would like to have all information to him by the 22nd of each month.

Training: Kristel would like to offer a GPS course which might be open to the public, perhaps in January/February.

Vagabond: Tom reported that he anticipates scheduling four or five events during 2005.

Old Business: A change in the General Meeting day and time will be voted on at the Christmas Party. If the meeting is approved to be the second Wednesday, we will then vote on Heidi Moser to be Vice-Commodore as she cannot assume those duties if the meeting remains on Thursdays.

The BMSA logo will remain as it currently stands as long as all uses contain the words "Blue Marsh Sailing Association" under the wave.

New Business: The location and frequency of Board Meetings was discussed. Occasional meetings may be hosted by Board Members.

A preliminary discussion was held of the 2005 calendar. The calendar will be finalized at the January meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:48 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

*Janice R. Dougherty
Secretary*

CPR for Family and Friends

The CPR for Family and Friends course is modular and teaches rescuers skills in CPR and relief of choking. It presents information about the American Heart Association adult Chain of Survival and signs of heart attack, cardiac arrest, stroke and choking in adults. The course also presents information on the American Heart Association pediatric infant and child Chain of Survival, signs of choking in infants and children.

Presented on Saturday January 29, 2005 from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM at John & Vivian Koller's home by Kathy Good RN, BSN. There will be a limit of 10 people, however Kathy has agreed to offer this course at another time if we have more than 10 people.

Contact Vivian Koller at 610-693-6497 to register and more information.



A 'Seasonal' Trainer's Talk

The Twelve Days of Christmas, Nautical Style! There have been numerous rewrites to the lyrics of this traditional favorite, and here's mine just for you sailors! Keeping closely to the rhythm of the original words, fill in the blanks from the random order Word List at the bottom. If you speak "nauticalese", you'll easily figure them out.

On the Twelfth Day of Christmas, my true love gave to me:

Twelve braided _____,
Eleven _____ pins,
Ten inflatable _____,
Nine stainless _____,
Eight colored _____,
Seven 4-ft _____,
Six beverage _____,
Five daytime _____,
Four _____,
Three cork _____,
Two rusty _____,
and a chart of _____.

WORD LIST (in random order--you figure out what word goes where)

<i>Sail ties</i>	<i>Plugs</i>
<i>Fenders</i>	<i>PFDs</i>
<i>Tell-tales</i>	<i>Anchors</i>
<i>Quick-release</i>	<i>The Chesapeake Bay</i>
<i>Shackles</i>	<i>Flares</i>
<i>Docklines</i>	<i>Coozies</i>

Now, sing it as fast as you can--you have my permission to start with Day 12!

Merry Christmas!!

*Kristel Adair,
Training Chairman*

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The Lake Michigan Expedition

Over the next several months we will be sharing the exploits of club members who made the recent trip to Lake Michigan. Thanks to Dick and Connie Martin for sharing their excellent recollection of this adventure.

Part I

The idea of sailing Lake Michigan was the brainchild of my friend Ron Bukowski. About a year ago he mentioned it to me and I stated, in passing, that I would like to be included in the venture. Then I immediately forgot about it. Several months passed by. Then one day I got the good word that we were going. Ron had found a boat, other friends to accompany us (The Blue Marsh sailors), and had started the booking process. Actually, it was a Blue Marsh sanctioned event. I locked in the date(s) with my boss at the salt mines and Connie began mapping the trip and paying the piper. We started reading up on the Traverse Bay region and the goings-on in that general vicinity. We were also very excited because the sailors on "our" boat were the same as we had in the Caribbean a couple years back...Ron and Sandi, Conrad and Barbara, and Connie and me, proven compatible.

Connie and I decided to make the trip to Michigan by car. This led to the fact that our existing rattletrap was probably not up to the trip. It was largely exhausted by umpteen trips to our boat, "Full Moon", at Rock Creek on the Bay. We began looking for a new car. Isn't it funny how one thing leads to another? About two weeks before the designated date of departure we found a suitable replacement. I had my heart set on my next car being a "T"-bucket roadster with supercharged big block Chevy engine. Connie wanted a luxury sedan. We compromised on a Buick Ultra with a supercharged 3800c.c. under the hood. It turned out to be the correct vehicle, getting 28 mpg with the true proven possibility of laying rubber on a standing start with four passengers aboard. (Ask Barbara).

Another occurrence had taken place way back in last July when we sold "Full Moon" unexpectedly. What do you do when some guy walks up and says, "You wanna sell that boat"? Since that day we were looking for another boat and now, of all times, we had one on the hook. Right when this trip came up. We had to put that venture on hold. This was the extreme bummer.

We got underway on Tuesday, meeting Ron and Sandi at the Lawn Plaza on the PA turnpike. Traveling together was made easier with the use of Sandy's little 2-way radios. Our stopover for the first night was outside Toledo.

On Wednesday we arrived at Traverse City, and met Conrad and Barbara who flew there from Harrisburg. Barbara had a few gin and tonics on the plane ride. We all got settled down in our

lodging space and then took a road trip to Sleeping Bear Dunes a little ways up the coast. The Vaninos rode with us in the luxury Buick. I followed Ron to this National Park with some reluctance; I wasn't very enthusiastic about seeing a pile of sand. I had to change my tune though, once at the top of the most incredible dune ever imagined. At the base of the dune was Lake Michigan, about 450 feet below us. There were some people trying to climb up the side of the dune on all fours. We opted out of the climb on account of Ron's knees and Connie got winded just looking at it. On the trip back to Traverse City through the countryside, we stopped at a farmer's roadside stand for some sweet cherries. This is cherry country and we didn't want to miss out on the local "flavor". Ron tried to loose us back on the Traverse City streets because he was embarrassed by the ladies spitting cherry seeds out the windows but we caught up with him at the world renowned "Mabels' Restaurant" parking lot. Conrad had a little accident with the cigar he was smoking/eating. He put the wet end in his shirt pocket and it bled spit through the fabric. All was not lost. Conrad washed out the shirt pocket with some soda and was able to eat the rest of the cigar for dessert after dinner. (The pot-roast was tough...ask Barbara).

On Thursday we continued our road trip portion of the venture by driving up to Mackinaw City. Mackinaw City is named after the big heavy jacket called a mackinaw, made for very cold weather. At Mackinaw City the summer is 5 days long. Sandi jumped out of the car and ran full speed over to the ferry ticket booth for tickets, since we didn't want to miss the whole summer while we all tried to find a place to park the cars. We rode the ferry over to Macinac Island. This was the first ferry-boat I ever saw that could actually get up on plane. After the 15-minute ride at about 40 knots we disembarked at the lovely shores of Macinac Island, about half of the passengers were soaked with the spray from the rooster tail of water behind the boat.

There are no cars here on the island. There are also no moose. There are two smells in the air...fudge and horse manure. Sandi ran full tilt for the tickets again, her little legs going like windmills, and we signed up for a horse carriage tour and were soon off sightseeing the place. This gave Sandi a chance to sit down and rest. Our tour guide/horse skinner was a little cutie named Michelle, who explained the passing sights between her "GEE-up", hollers to the horses pulling the carriage. The one horse was lazy. His name was Harold. There are 350 horses here for the sole purpose of pulling carriages.

To be continued...

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