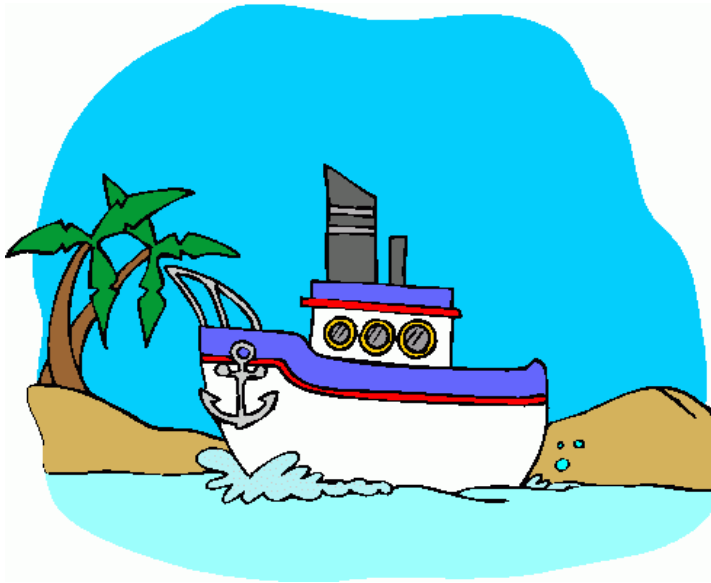


April 2006

## HOME SWEET HOME

– Life on the ICW



### April Program:

Have you ever wondered what it's like to literally live on the water? Come to the April General Meeting and hear one families answer to that very question.

Lisa and Mike Tellup, and their children Erin, Christine and Michael, took a year off from their "normal" lives to live aboard a 38 foot Trawler. They traveled down the InterCoastal Waterway to various places.

Come and here the adventures first hand on **.Wednesday, April 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm at the Lower Heidelberg Fire Company.**

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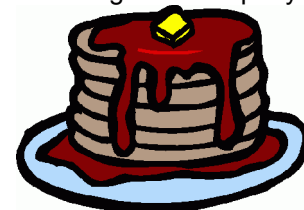
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### Events in April

Wed, 4/12	----	General Meeting
Mon, 4/17	----	Board Meeting
Sat, 4/22	-----	Take Pride in the Lake
Sat, 4/29	-----	Amazing Race with GPS

### Fire Company Breakfasts

The last breakfast for 2006 is scheduled for Sunday morning, April 16<sup>th</sup> at the Lower Heidelberg Fire Company 2006.



Breakfasts served from 7:30 AM till Noon

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## Commodore's Corner

We were all happy to hear that the Fire Company has decided to keep their social quarters open, at least through the end of this year. We have enjoyed using this facility for many years and hopefully for many more. Fire company memberships for BSMA members have been forwarded to them. They would welcome any other members from our ranks.

Speaking of memberships; by now everyone should have renewed their BMS membership for this year. You must have it to Bob Hartwich by March 31st in order to be included in the new Log supplement. The Log supplement should be ready at the April meeting, so be there to pick yours up.

The speakers at the next general meeting are a family who has lived on their boat and traveled up and down the ICW. They should have many interesting tales to tell and information to relate regarding living on a boat.

The next social event is the ever popular GPS Rally. It is good practice for using your GPS and who knows where we'll end up this time! As we all make our plans for the coming months, I hope that everyone has included the dates from the BMSA calendar in your plans.

We are hoping for a good turnout at all of our upcoming activities. It is always fun to spend time with our BMSA friends.

Heidi Moser,  
Commodore

## March 13, 2005 Board Meeting Minutes

**Attending:** Heidi Moser, Doug Hill, Mike & Kristel Adair, Ron Bukowski, Mike Gent, Tony & Mary Stajkowski, Bob Hartwich, Jan Dougherty.

The meeting was called to order at 7:37 pm by Commodore Moser.

The February Minutes were accepted as published in the Tell Tale.

**Treasurer:** The balance is currently \$4,917.65. IRS has asked for a valuation of our Club assets.

### Committee Reports:

**CBYCA:** The law proposed by the Coast Guard mandating that everyone must wear a PFD at all times did not pass.

**Chaplain:** Heidi announced Pat Huntley is recovering from a fractured pelvis.

**Equipment:** Sean will obtain seats for the committee boat.

**House:** Because the Fire Company is allowing us to continue to hold our general meetings there for the rest of the program year, we will turn in to them the Fire Company memberships from our members.

**Membership:** Bob reported that about 20 families (42 members) have renewed. Names of those not renewing to date were divided up for further contact. Two new members, Donna Ferron & John Pittman and Bernie & Marie Higgins were announced.

**Program:** The April meeting will be a presentation by a family who were "live-aboards" on the ICW. May will be a program on "Anchoring" presented by Jay Moyer. May will be the last program until Fall. July's picnic will be held at Laurel Run Park instead of the Coast Guard Auxiliary.

**Publicity:** Mike Gent reported the Flying Dutchmen Club will swap ads with BMSA in their newsletters. It's possible that we might have a representative attend one of their upcoming meetings with details on what our Club does. We are approaching other local clubs to build relationships. Follow-up on ads for the Log Book was discussed.

**Racing:** The racing schedule has been printed in the Tell Tale. Sean will take care of obtaining the proper permits.

**Safety:** Dave will attend the next meeting in place of Heidi.

**Social:** Heidi Moser reported the Commodore's Ball will be held at Riveredge.

**Tell-Tale:** A corrected date (July 12) will be printed for the July picnic.

**NEW BUSINESS:** John Hackman informed Doug Hill that the Club needs to investigate new ISP's for the website. He will assist in looking into alternatives to our current provider.

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Janice R. Dougherty,  
Secretary

### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS !!

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Venture 2-22  
at Rock Hall, MD

## Schedule of Events for 2006

**May**

|    |     |                           |
|----|-----|---------------------------|
| 10 | Wed | General Meeting           |
| 13 | Sat | Learn to Sail at the Lake |
| 15 | Mon | Board Meeting             |
| 20 | Sat | Kickoff Race              |

**June**

|       |         |                   |
|-------|---------|-------------------|
| 3     | Sat     | Regatta & Picnic  |
| 9-11  | Fri-Sun | Spring Cruise     |
| 11    | Sun     | Water Safety Fest |
| 12    | Mon     | Board Meeting     |
| 24-25 | Sat-Sun | Vagabond          |

**July**

|       |         |               |
|-------|---------|---------------|
| 8-9   | Sat-Sun | Vagabond      |
| 12    | Wed     | Picnic        |
| 17    | Mon     | Board Meeting |
| 22-23 | Sat-Sun | Vagabond      |

**August**

|       |         |               |
|-------|---------|---------------|
| 9     | Wed     | Picnic        |
| 14    | Mon     | Board Meeting |
| 19-21 | Sat-Mon | Vagabond      |

**September**

|      |         |                    |
|------|---------|--------------------|
| 8-10 | Fri-Sun | Fall Cruise        |
| 13   | Wed     | General Meeting    |
| 18   | Mon     | Board Meeting      |
| 23   | Sat     | Oktoberfest & Race |

**October**

|       |            |                         |
|-------|------------|-------------------------|
| 5-9   | Thur - Sun | Annapolis Sailboat Show |
| 11    | Wed        | General Meeting         |
| 16    | Mon        | Board Meeting           |
| 21-22 | Sat-Sun    | Vagabond                |

**November**

|    |     |                  |
|----|-----|------------------|
| 4  | Sat | Turkey Race      |
| 11 | Sat | Commodore's Ball |
| 13 | Mon | Board Meeting    |

**December**

|   |     |                 |
|---|-----|-----------------|
| 1 | Fri | Christmas Party |
| 4 | Mon | Board Meeting   |



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**NEW MEMBERS, TAKE A LOOK!**  
**- The GPS Road Rally Takes a New Turn!**



Last month in the Tell-Tale, we told you about an old favorite event that is being breathed new life this year—the GPS Road Rally on Saturday, April 29th. Since then, the Rally committee has met and laid out a fun and scenic new course that takes you to some of the lesser known but curiously intriguing highlights of our area. This year's rally will include some entertaining surprises that can earn bonus points for your team!

For those of you who have never done one of our rallies, the basic idea is to navigate by car a pre-determined course of waypoints using a hand-held GPS and no other aids. A list of questions must be correctly answered to verify you were at each waypoint

Each carload is a team competing for the most accurate course traveled in the least number of miles.

The last waypoint will take you to a restaurant as the final rendezvous: dinner and the announcement of the winners! What could be better than a fun ride around Berks County, a little mental challenge, and food with your Blue Marsh buddies?

You'll need to **pre-register by April 26th** for this event so we can tell the restaurant the number of people in our group. Mark the event on your calendar - Mark the event on your calendar - **Saturday, April 29th, 1PM** - and start putting your team together.

We'll meet at the **Green Hills Business Center (Penske, etc) on Route 10.**

Each team will need a GPS and a compass. Please leave all other navigational and reference aids at home. There will be no computers, no phone a friend, no ask the audience, or any other "lifelines" allowed! If you don't have a team but want to participate, just sign up and we'll put you together with others. To sign up, come to the April meeting or contact me. See you there!

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 GPS Rally Committee  
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**For "Sail"**

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Boat \$3300, motor \$400, trailer \$200, selling whole package.

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## **PROPER TRAILER CARE** **- key to safety & fun**

Reprinted from  
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correspondent

Boat trailers require periodic maintenance to assure their reliability. Like well maintained boats and motors that provide safe, dependable fun all season, boat trailers also require periodic maintenance to assure their reliability.

The following tips for trailer maintenance, based on interviews with technicians at Central Garage in Womelsdorf and Reading Boat Works, will help sustain and enhance a trailer's performance.

### **Wiring**

- All operable lights must be in working order for highway safety.
- Replace bulbs and fixtures as necessary.
- Replace wiring if cut, chaffed or worn.
- Rust or corrosion inhibits the grounding ability of the trailer lights' performance.
- Make sure the hitch and receiver are clean.
- Clean and reconnect the ground wire connected to the tow vehicle and the trailer.
- There are many electrical sprays available to help protect wiring connections and components from corrosion.

### **Tires and wheels**

- Wheel hubs and lug nuts need to be checked periodically for tightness. Torque lug nuts according to manufacturer's specifications.

- All tires, including the spare, should be the same type, brand and size.
- Inflate tires identically and take heed to this simple formula:

A 20% reduction from recommended maximum tire pressure is equal to a 50% reduction of the trailer's maximum load carrying capacity (GVW).

- Trailer tires usually have to be replaced before the tread wears out because of dry rot or cracking.
- Any uneven tire wear could be an indicator of a slightly bent axle or rim, or other circumstances.
- Match the tire load limits properly to the trailer load. Any difference may cause undue sway or backlash.
- Blowouts can occur if any of the aforementioned are ignored.
- Every season, wheels and bearings should be removed and inspected for any uneven wear, pitting or any other noticeable damage.
- Properly clean all components inside the hub and carefully repack with marine-grade grease. Massage the grease into the bearings and do not overpack the hub; otherwise the rear seal could blow out.
- Splattered grease on the inside of the wheel rim indicates time to replace the rear seal as well.
- Grease the hubs regularly during the season. Bearing buddies make this job much easier to accomplish and maintain.
- Oil filled hubs work well, however, they rely heavily on the rear seal.

### **Brakes**

- Top off the master cylinder with DOT 3 brake fluid.
- Brake fluid should not be seen anywhere except in the master cylinder reservoir and should not be milky brown in color.
- An easy way to check if surge brakes are working is to push on the actuator. If it "bottoms out," check for leaks, breakage or master cylinder problems.
- Pennsylvania State Registration requires a yearly inspection of all trailers more than 3000 GWV, which must have brakes on all wheels.

### **Additional tips**

- Make sure the trailer hitch and ball are secure on the towing vehicle.
- Make sure all bolts and nuts are secure on the trailer receiver.
- Any time the trailer comes in contact with salt water, hose down or wash as soon as possible.
- Oil, or spray-grease, the shackles and linkage regularly for optimum performance.
- Safety chains and the brake cable must be intact.
- Replace rotted boards, rotted bunks or broken rollers when applicable.



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