

February 2007



General Meeting

Our February general meeting falls on February 14th, a date you might recognize as Valentine's Day. As a treat to our sweethearts, February's meeting will be a dinner meeting. The meeting will be at the Riveredge Restaurant. The time will be 6:30 PM. Riveredge will offer as a Valentine special that evening, a Chateaubriand for two.

The meal includes Caesar Salad, a carafe of wine and dessert for the price of \$69.95 a couple. The Chateaubriand can be ordered without the Caesar Salad (house salad substituted) and wine for \$49.95. Of course, the full menu is also available, at the menu prices, for those who choose.

Please call Commodore Ron Bukowski at 610-670-4850 to make a reservation before February 9th, so that we can arrange seating as a group. Hope to see you there.

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Events in February:

Wed, 2/14 --- General Meeting
(Valentines Day Dinner)
Mon, 2/19 ---- Board Meeting

REMINDER:

The membership renewal form is provided again in this issue. If you have not already done so, please complete the form and submit it along with the appropriate dues to the new membership chair, Sandy Burkowski, as soon as possible. (See Page 5)

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## January 15, 2007 Board Meeting Minutes

Geez, the January general meeting was a lot of fun, at least it was for me. I got to play auctioneer, the club made a few bucks and some very lucky people bought some nice items, no longer needed by the previous owner. One lucky club member bought seat cushions, a whisker pole, and some cordage. Another member bought a propane grill.

Other offerings were a VHF radio and a couple of antennas, a main sheet system, various blocks, an anchor, a toaster oven and too many other neat things to mention. My point is this; if you're missing the monthly meetings than you're missing a lot of fun. Take the upcoming February meeting for example. That's going to be another great time. It's a sweetheart of a deal, dinner at Riveredge. See the information on that elsewhere in this edition of the Tell-Tale.

Several members have been talking about reasons that one would join an organization like BMSA. Aside from the other great members that one can meet, education in the art and science of sailing is a goal for some. In line with that goal, the program for the March meeting will be a primer on the use of GPS. This is in preparation for the GPS rally coming in April. Future programs will be mini-lessons in seamanship. See you at the next meeting.

Ron Burkowski,  
Commodore

**Attending:** Ron & Sandi Bukowski, Mike Dougherty, Kristel & Mike Adair, Ray Hemphill, Mary Stajkowski, Sean Hollis, Heidi Moser, Doug Hill, Mike Ghent, and Jan Dougherty.

The meeting was called to order at 7:31 pm by Commodore Bukowski. December Minutes were accepted as published in the Tell Tale.

**Treasurer:** The balance at audit was \$3,998.04. Recent transactions brought the balance to \$4,603.59. The Treasurer reported the boat registration is due to be paid.

### Committee Reports:

**Fleet:** Inner Harbor is a possible destination for the Spring Cruise.

**Membership:** 18 members (2 affiliate) have renewed to date.

**Program:** We are trying to obtain Pearl Harbor survivors to talk to the Club about their experiences.

**Publicity:** Mike is working on Log Book ads.

**Safety:** The first committee meeting will be in February. The festival is scheduled for June 10, 2007.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- **Calendar:** The tentative calendar for 2007 was reviewed. Mike Dougherty moved to accept, Mary seconded. Motion carried.
- **Budget:** The Board increased the budget amount for Equipment to allow boat repairs.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Janice R. Dougherty  
Secretary



### CAPE MAY TRIP

BMSA is planning a weekend trip to Cape May, New Jersey for the weekend of March 9 and 10. I need to know who is interested so I can make reservations at the Grand Hotel (if possible). The Grand Hotel has an indoor pool, restaurant and other amenities. Please telephone me as soon as possible so we may plan for this trip.

Sandi Bukowski  
610-670-4850

**Wanted:** Small daysailer with trailer between 15 and 20 feet. Something like an older Flying Scot, Lightning, Thistle, Snipe or small O'Day. I would like to keep the price below \$3,000. I have restored several boats, so if you have one that needs some work, that would be perfect. Please contact John Ward at either [michmaniac49@aol.com](mailto:michmaniac49@aol.com) or 610-856-7221.

## Schedule of Events for 2007

**March**

10 Sat Land Cruise – Cape May  
 14 Wed General Meeting  
 19 Mon Board Meeting

**April**

11 Wed General Meeting  
 16 Mon Board Meeting  
 21 Sat Take Pride In The Lake  
 28 Sat GPS Rally

**May**

5 Sat Tuneup Sail to Bernville & MOB  
 9 Wed General Meeting  
 14 Mon Board Meeting  
 19 Sat Kickoff Race

**June**

2 Sat Regatta & Picnic (CG Aux.)  
 8-10 Fri-Sun Spring Cruise  
 10 Sun Water Safety Fest  
 16-23 Sat-Sat Abacos Cruise  
 NO GENERAL MEETING  
 NO BOARD MEETING

**July**

7-8 Sat-Sun Vagabond - TBA  
 11 Wed Gen Meeting - Picnic  
 16 Mon Board Meeting  
 21-22 Sat-Sun Vagabond – Chester River

**August**

4-5 Sat-Sun Vagabond - Wallenpawpack  
 8 Wed General Meeting  
 13 Mon Board Meeting  
 18-19 Sat-Sun Vagabond

**September**

7-9 Fri-Sun Fall Cruise  
 12 Wed General Meeting  
 17 Mon Board Meeting  
 29 Sat Open Sail

**October**

10 Wed General Meeting  
 12-14 Sat-Sun Vagabond – Nockamixon  
 15 Mon Board Meeting

**November**

3 Sat Turkey Race  
 10 Sat Commodore's Ball  
 19 Mon Board Meeting

**December**

1 Sat Baltimore Lighted Boat Parade  
 7 Fri Christmas Party  
 8 Sat Annapolis Lighted Boat Parade  
 10 Mon Board Meeting



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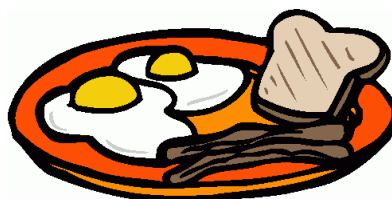
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February 11  
 March 11  
 April 8

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## SAILING THE SOUTHERN BAY

For those of you that have sailed the Chesapeake Bay, finding a good gunk hole or hurricane hole is always somewhat of a challenge. I am currently doing the planning for a Bay trip for this summer that will retrace Capt. John Smith's footsteps. This will take us as far South as Norfolk, VA.

Whenever I think of sailing at the mouth of the Potomac River, I get that queasy feeling in my stomach and don't want to discuss my past experiences in that area. If one is sailing South, lets say from Solomons, there is no place to duck in until you reach Smith Creek on the Potomac or the Little Wicomico at Smith Point.

With the purchase of the 2007 "Guide to Cruising Chesapeake Bay" I came across a tiny estuary named St. Jerome Creek about 5 miles North of the Potomac. Further reading revealed a serious problem there, in that the shoals at the mouth of this creek reduce the water level to 2-3 feet. Upon further research I have found that this neat little spot- N38\*07', W76\*20', has been dredged to reasonable depth in May, 2006. I also called one of the 2 marinas in St. Jerome Creek and found that this is indeed true and they are now looking for business. (The marina owner had pulled no less that 30 boats off the sand last year). The creek has two branches, a cove and a bay contained within.

Since we have sailed all the way up the Potomac a few years ago, we will be passing it by this time. We can go in St. Jerome Creek and wait for the opportune tide and wind before continuing South.

Thanks to Congressman Steny H. Hoyer (D-MD) and the \$850,000 appropriated by his urging, and the Army Corps of Engineers. A \$200,000 feasibility study is now in progress concerning 2 jetties at this location!

Dick Martin

## A Note From Our Treasurer

As of the audit by Ruth Miller on 1/5/07 the amount in the checkbook is \$3,998.04. Proceeds from the auction on 1/10/07 were \$44.55. Income from store items sold \$7.00. Miscellaneous income from the picnic is \$6.00. Membership income is \$548.00. New balance is \$4,603.59.

The January General Meeting Program was an Auction, with our illustrious & eloquent Commodore Ron as Auctioneer. Many bargains to be had, some of which included a boat shelf, a sail plaque, seat cushions, lots and lots of braided lines, a whisker pole, a thimble for a rope, a marine radio, an emergency antenna, beverage holders, fenders, blocks, a small anchor, a suction climber, a thru-hull, an anchor mount, a spot light, a macerator pump, an anchor rode, shroud guards, 55 feet of anchor chain, Apelco Loran C.

The auction was not limited to boating items. Many other items included a toaster oven, propane grills, a CD player, a food chopper, a butter dish and baking pans, glassware, books, dishes, a box of chocolates, a Sweet Street Gift Certificate, a Shakespeare antenna, a decorative fan, and a portable heater. Something for everyone and a great time was had by all. Hopefully our club will hold another auction for a program. Pay your membership, keep receiving your Tell-Tale newsletter and look for other interesting programs in the future.

Mary Stajkowski,

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**BLUE MARSH SAILING ASSOCIATION – 2007 MEMBERSHIP FORM**

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail(s) \_\_\_\_\_

**Are you =>** Qualified to captain a charter vessel? \_\_\_\_\_ Interested in our learn-to-sail program? \_\_\_\_\_  
 Interested in helping to plan upcoming events? \_\_\_\_\_

**We're asking everyone to help in some small way. Please circle the committees in which you would be willing to assist. Thank you!**

|               |                  |          |                   |                  |          |
|---------------|------------------|----------|-------------------|------------------|----------|
| Weekend Trips | Extended Cruises | Racing   | Social Activities | Meeting Programs | Picnics  |
| Historian     | Publicity        | House    | Newsletter        | Storekeeper      | Library  |
| Membership    | Board Officer    | Chaplain | Equipment         | CBYCA Meetings   | Training |

**MEMBERSHIP DESIGNATIONS**

If you are a couple and both persons intend to participate in sailing or social events, please sign up with a Couple/Families membership to avoid Guest Fees. An Affiliate membership is an OPTION available only to those who reside outside a 100-mile radius of Reading, PA. An Affiliate Member cannot hold elected office.

**MEMBERSHIP DUES**

(Check one)  Single Individual \$25.00  Couples/Families \$40.00  
 Affiliate Member \$15.00

**Please reduce your payment by \$2 if you pay by 1/31/2007 and elect to receive the Tell-Tale through e-mail.**

Please make check payable to:  
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**Please send this form and check to** →

Sandi Bukowski  
 122 S Cacoosing Drive  
 Sinking Spring PA 19608

| Boat Make/Model/Length | Sail/Power | Boat Name | Calling Port |
|------------------------|------------|-----------|--------------|
| _____                  | _____      | _____     | _____        |
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**ASSUMPTION OF RISK:**

**RELEASE OF LIABILITY TO BLUE MARSH SAILING ASSOCIATION**

Each member participating in any Association-sponsored activity voluntarily assumes all risk incident to each activity, and intending to be legally bound, agrees for himself, his family, executors and administrators, to release from all liability, for action whether intentional or unintentional, officers, members, and employees, and any person, partnership, corporation or any other organization or association who or which permits the use of his/her/its real or personal property for an Association activity. As a member I understand that if I bring a non-member to an Association activity, I assume responsibility for the non-member and release the Association from any and all liability to or for the non-member. Your signature(s) is (are) required for this membership form to be accepted.

\_\_\_\_\_  
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**2007  
BLUE MARSH SAILING ASSOCIATION**

**OFFICERS**

|                    |                      |              |
|--------------------|----------------------|--------------|
| COMMODORE.....     | Ron Bukowski .....   | 610-777-4338 |
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|-------------------------|------------------------|--------------------|
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(7:00 PM Social, 7:30 PM Meeting)

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