

April 2007

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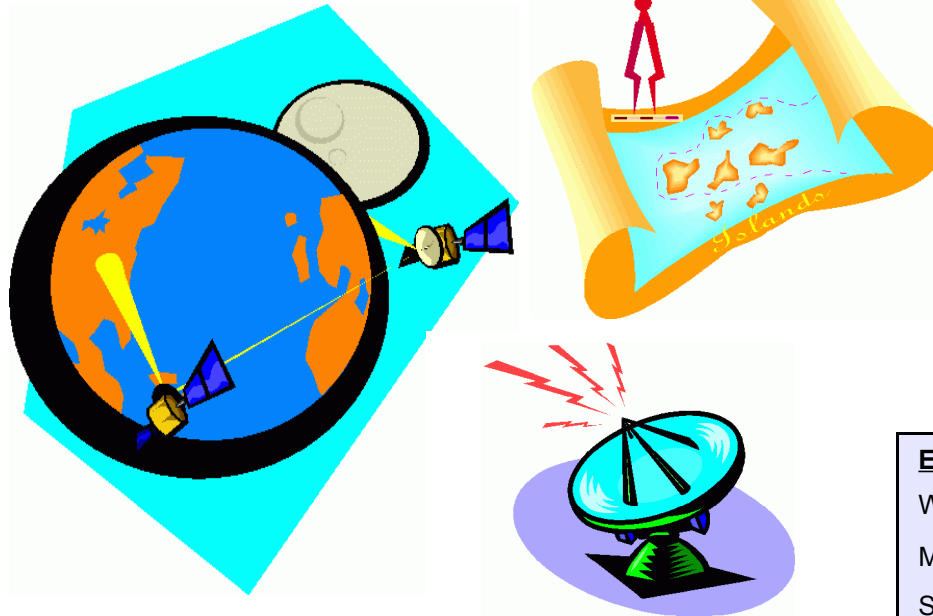
Events in April:

Wed, 4/11	---	General Meeting
Mon, 4/16	---	Board Meeting
Sat, 4/21	---	Take Pride in the Lake
Sun, 4/28	---	GPS Rally

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!!

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General Meeting

In last month's issue, Donna Ferron provided us with a great article on Paperless Navigation. This month she will be expanding on the topic of electronic navigational aids and traditional paper charts with a presentation at the general meeting.

This promises to be an interesting topic and group discussion. Come out and join us on **Wednesday, April 11th** with socializing to start at **7:00PM** and the meeting to start at **7:30PM**.

Doug Hill,
Editor

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## March 19, 2007 Board Meeting Minutes

Welcome to springtime. It's so nice. The annual GPS rally is coming up soon. Along that thinking, at the March general meeting, the program was related to the use of a GPS unit. Also, in researching ways to make the rally more challenging and more interesting, I came across another use for GPS receivers. It's called geocaching (that's pronounced geo-caching).

Geocaching is a combination of scavenger hunting and orienteering. At various times it is more one than the other. Let me try to explain how it works.

Someone hides a container somewhere and notes the GPS coordinates of the location. These coordinates are posted to a web site where the seekers can get that information, and more, such as clues which may be encrypted or not. The location of these caches can be easy to reach or difficult to reach. For example, they may be on a mountain top or they may be on an ocean floor. Most, however, are relatively easy to get to. The caches themselves may contain prizes in the form of small toys or trinkets or perhaps a hundred dollar bill. The custom is that if you take an item, you leave an item in its place. At the very least, a cache contains a log to which a finder would record ones name and date of the find.

This activity only started about 6 years ago when the government lifted the restrictions on GPS's and now there are more than 300,000 caches in the world.

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 pm by Commodore Bukowski. The February Minutes were accepted as published in the Tell Tale.

**Treasurer** The current balance is \$5,171.59.

### Committee Reports:

**Equipment:** Cracks in the boat were discussed. Mike Dougherty will get an estimate on the cost of repairs from Reading Boat Works and report to the Board next month. The 07 registration stickers were given to Sean Hollis for the boat and trailer.

**Fleet:** Spring Cruise will be in the Inner Harbor area with slips there on Friday, possible anchor or slips Saturday at Bodkin Creek. A meeting of the Abaco's participants will be held April 1 at 4:00 p.m. at Viva's. The cruise shirt designs have been distributed to all crew. Mary moved, Sean seconded, that the cost of digitizing the design be paid by BMSA. Motion passed. The Fall Cruise was discussed briefly.

**Membership:** Sandi reported that we now have 77 members. The Log was discussed. It should be available to members at the April membership meeting.

If you go to [www.geocaching.com](http://www.geocaching.com) you will find dozens of coordinates listed for caches within 5 miles of your home. Find one that will take you for a nice hike in the woods. If you don't find the cache, at least you will get some exercise and have a great day.

Ron Bukowski,  
Commodore

**Program:** March's program will be a GPS introduction/education session in preparation for the GPS rally to be held April 28. April's program tentatively will be a talk by a local Pearl Harbor survivor. A "sailing couples" panel discussion has been proposed for the May meeting.

**Publicity:** Donna Ferron will present the April Program on navigation. Sean will present the May Program (subject: The Mutiny on the Bounty).

**Safety:** Heidi reported the Safety Council is still in formative stages.

**Social:** The annual GPS Rally will be held April 28. Details will be announced in the Tell-Tale.

**Training:** The Tune-Up Sail to Bernville May 5th may include a "man overboard" training exercise.

### OLD BUSINESS:

- Brochure changes were discussed. Jan will make and present to the Board at the April meeting.
- Sean discussed Website content and improvements. The Board recommended that any Tell-Tale article which includes member's phone numbers be edited to show only general information if published on the website.
- A search for new meeting location facilities will begin again in the event that the Fire Company becomes unavailable.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Janice R. Dougherty  
Secretary

## Schedule of Events for 2007

### May

|    |     |                          |
|----|-----|--------------------------|
| 5  | Sat | Tuneup Sail to Bernville |
| 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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## GPS RALLY

The Committee is putting the finishing touches on the route for this years GPS rally. In fact they are doing a dry run this weekend to finalize the clues, starting point and starting time.

If you are planning on attending, please register your group with Mike Gent, before April 13<sup>th</sup>, so that sufficient materials are available. Please also be aware that each carload should bring a compass, because some clues will require that you take bearing once you reach your way point.

So come prepared!

Mike Gent,  
Rally Committee  
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## Upcoming Sailing Events

To mark on your calendar

It's time to start getting those boats ready to get wet. The following events are coming up sooner than you think and you won't want to get caught unprepared and have to show up without your boat like a weenie.

We will be having a tune-up sail to Bernville complete with a Man Overboard drill on Saturday, May 5th. Let's see who can retrieve a milk jug out of the drink without the use of a noisy and stinky motor while sailing all the way up to Bernville. Two weeks later we will have our Kickoff Regatta on Saturday May 19th.

In June we will have the big sailing event of the year when we hold our annual BMSA Regatta on Saturday June 2nd. The following week will be the Spring Cruise where Mike Adair is planning an interesting weekend in the Baltimore area from June 8th through June 10th. Now Let's get those boats wet.

Sean Hollis,  
Rear Commodore

## It's Finally Here!!!

I for one thought that it would never get here. But this month, April 2007, the lead up to the 32nd defense of the America's Cup finally begins in Valencia Spain. From April 3 to April 7, Louis Vuitton Act 13 will be held. The Louis Vuitton Acts are a series of mass start, fleet races that have been held with all 12 America's Cup Class Syndicates participating in since 2005.

These fleet races with America's Cup Class boats, held outside of the America's Cup are not a new thing. What is new is that now they accumulate points that will be converted into bonus points that will be carried into the Louis Vuitton Cup Round Robin Series. That means that these races now mean something and sandbagging in them is no longer in the syndicate's best interest. These "bonus points", anywhere from 5 down to 1, are then added to the points that are accumulated in the Round Robin Series.

The Louis Vuitton round robin series, 2 series where each syndicate will have a one on one race with every other syndicate with the exception of the

Swiss team, will be held from April 16th to May 7th. After the Round Robin Series, the 4 teams with the highest point total, including any bonus points from the Louis Vuitton Acts, will move on to the best of 9 Semi Finals that will be held from May 14th to May 25th. The two winning syndicates in the Semi Finals will then duke it out in a best of 9 series for the Louis Vuitton Cup to be held from June 1st to June 12th. Finally, the winner of the Louis Vuitton Cup will have the opportunity to do battle with the Syndicate from Switzerland in a best of 9 series for the 32nd defense of the America's Cup, Yachting's Holy Grail.

This year, Larry Ellison will lead his *Oracle BMW Racing* team, the only American syndicate participating, in a valiant effort to bring the Old Mug back home to America where it belongs. You will be able to follow the action on the *Versus* television network, formerly known as Outdoor Life Network (OLN).

Sean Hollis,  
Rear Commodore

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## **TUNE UP SAIL TO BERNVILLE**

OK Blue Marsh sailors... another year beckons! Check your systems & equipment. Why not include a Tune-Up Sail & (we hope) an M.O.B. drill as well? Sailing is a mental game as well as a physical one, you know. How are your skills after this past winter?

BMSA has a Tune-Up Sail scheduled for Saturday, 5-5-07. Come out to the lake for a few hours of wet fun!

According to meteorological tables, the average temperature should be 58 F.; the max & minimums are 69 F. & 47 F., respectively. Record temperatures are 92 F. & 29 F. So layer your clothing & bring the Gore-Tex just in case.

Sunrise & sunset times are 5:59 A.M. & 8:03 P.M., respectively. I'm estimating that we'll be off the water by 5 or 6 P.M.

Let's plan to meet @ the State Hill ramp @ Blue Marsh c.10 A.M. The morning's chill should be gone, or almost so, by then.



Boats can be in the water by around 11 A.M. This should give us several hours to sail (yes!) or motor (bah!) towards the Northern fringes, as well as attempt to rescue those unfortunate enough to find themselves in the water.

(Mary secretly indicated a very strong desire to be the victim in the MOB drills; she'll deny it if asked, but trust me... She said she wants to fall off EVERY SINGLE BOAT that shows up for this sail!)

The last thing Mary & I rescued was a swimming pool "noodle" during a solo trip to the Chesapeake Bay. Although we were able to successfully retrieve this poor propeller-diced noodle, the drill reinforced the need to practice, practice, practice! When was the last time YOU practiced?

Please contact me so I can get an approximate number of those attending, or if you should need any other information.

Hope to see a bunch of you out on the lake on Saturday, May 5!

Tony Stajkowski,  
Vagabond Co-Chair  
e-mail: [ats3@enter.net](mailto:ats3@enter.net)

### **TREASURERS REPORT**

Beginning balance as of March General meeting \$4,943.54. Money out \$131.64. Dinner show reimbursement \$46.00, Log book supplies \$25.94, Postage for mailing Abacos info \$4.20, Reading Flotilla vice commodore fees \$30.50, Reading Flotilla March board meeting rental \$25.00. Money in \$359.00. Dinner show check \$46.00, Glasses & tote bag sales \$18.00, 50-50 at March general meeting \$20.00, dues \$250.00, Log book ad \$25.00. Balance is \$5,170.90.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mary Stajkowski,  
Treasurer

**2007  
BLUE MARSH SAILING ASSOCIATION**

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(7:00 PM Social, 7:30 PM Meeting)

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