

May 2009

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GPS Rally Well Attended

A total of 20 members of BMSA participated in the April 25 GPS Rally planned and organized by Mike Gent and Kristel Adair. We were greeted by very warm temperatures, albeit the humidity was low, making for an enjoyable day. We departed from Sears Hardware parking lot in Kenhorst shortly after 12:30 PM to begin our adventure, with a total of nine locations to visit. Michele and I were teamed up with Tony and Mary Stajkowski. Unfortunately, Tony and I both made errors setting up our GPS coordinates and got off to a very slow start. So, as in sailboat racing, if you have a bad start you're probably not going to win. Anyway, we drove to numerous locations, hiked through the woods, answered trivia questions, gathered scavenger items, and laughed about our many mistakes. In the end, those who did their homework and were well prepared were rewarded with success. First place honors went to Alex and Joan Whan, teamed up with Dan and Heidi Moser. We ended the day with a nice dinner at Musso's Restaurant. Many thanks to Mike and Kristel for all their hard work in setting up the Rally, and I'm so glad I discovered my GPS mistake at Nolde Forrest rather than on the Chesapeake Bay.

Joe Rutolo

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Some of the April GPS Rally attendees enjoy a hearty Italian dinner at Musso's Restaurant after trekking through southern Berks County

May Birthdays

Ralph Bibbus	Connie Martin
Betty Brown	Heidi Moser
John Huntley	Mary Stajkowski
Evelyn Marker	Conrad Vanino

May Events

Weds. May 13---Gen. Membership Mtg.
 Sat. May 16-----Sail to Bernville
 Mon. May 18-----Board Meeting
 Sat. May 30-----First Race at Blue Marsh

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## April 13, 2009 Board Meeting Minutes

### *Hello, Fellow BMSA Members!*

As I write this (4-27-09), it's simply balmy! Yes! Hooray! A harbinger (I hope) of the season to come. It seems so long in actually getting here...

Members of various committees have been busy over the past month.

A big "thank you" goes out to Mike GENT and Krystal ADAIR for the '09 iteration of the GPS Rally (even though our team didn't do too well. Oh well... there's always next year).

Also, another big "thank you" to Donna FERRON for her review of, & suggestions for, the BMSA Constitution. Donna took the time to read, review and suggest various changes. And please don't forget Tony MACK, for the donation of various training aids. I foresee several instances of their use in the near future.

May 16, '09 brings the Sail-to-Bernville. Please note it on your calendars; come out to Blue Marsh, and sail with your friends. John WARD promises nummies at the Northern end... As of right now, we're scheduled to launch from the State Hill ramp around 10:30 on 5-16-09.

And.....don't forget that 5-30-09 is THE FIRST RACE of the '09 season!

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Called to order by Commodore Anthony Stajkowski at 7:40 PM.

Those attending were Anthony & Mary Stajkowski, Mike & Kristel Adair, Ron Bukowski, Jane Moyer, John Ward, Heidi Moser and Donna Ferron.

Treasurer reports balance of \$4,545.28 in bank.

Secretary moves to accept minutes of last board meeting that were printed in the last Tell-Tale.

Word from Evelyn Marker, our Chaplain, is that well wishes have been sent to Ruth Miller on her recent hospital stay.

Equipment reports the committee boat, trailer and motor has a trailer license in the works. Hopefully soon it will be moved to Reading Boat Works to be sold on consignment.

Received a donation of equipment from Tony Mack of Schuylkill River Power Squadron. Come to general meetings and check out these items. Donna Ferron is planning to use some of the items in training activities to come. Check future Tell-Tales for more information.

Membership reports 69 paid members. Some members were dropped from receiving emails of the Tell-Tale due to nonpayment of dues.

Program reports the April program on Radio Communication and communication in general with Donna Ferron was wonderful. The May program is an auction. Ron Bukowski is the auctioneer with Heidi Moser and Mary Stajkowski as the money takers and record keepers.

See future Tell-Tales for further information.

Nothing to report from the BMSA web site as far as Advertisement.

GPS rally is set for last Saturday in April. There may be 18 navigators and 5 vehicles and that sets up for a really nice event

Social reports Riveredge with John Koller's as DJ is in the works for the November Commodore's Ball.

Barb & Conrad Vanino have graciously accepted to host the June picnic. The July picnic will be hosted by Tony & Mary Stajkowski at the Temple Playground. The August picnic will be hosted by Ron & Sandy Bukowski at the Coast Guard Check future Tell-Tales for more information. Hope to see you there.

Vagabond for May is a Sail-to-Bernville with grill foods. Please bring a side dish to share. June may be a Nockamixon Day Sail, July parts of Chesapeake, August TBA. Contact John Ward for information.

Spring Cruise plans are coming along. Contact Mike Adair for information.

Motion to accept the budget made by Ron Bukowski and seconded by Donna Ferron. Budget passed and figures are available for review.

Old business by-laws changes are in progress and our constitution has been reviewed. We are looking into getting items to promote Blue Marsh Sailing Association as give-a-ways at Safety Festival or Wednesday night sails. Also, want to place the banner and canopy on the lake for Wednesday night sails and Saturday races to get the word

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*Commodore's Corner, cont'd*

Let's see if we can put Ray HEMPHILL'S suggestion as to besting Tom STONER into practice! Gotta love those polar graphs!

As soon as I receive the updated registration from PennDOT for the committee boat trailer, I'll retrieve it, as well as the boat & motor, from Paul DOVIN. Paul's been baby-sitting for the past year or two. As soon as the trailer is legal for road transport, the boat, motor and trailer are scheduled to be moved to Reading Boat Works, for sale on consignment. Also, we're looking at selling/donating the Topper. The Topper comes with the boat and its equipment, and a trailer. I understand that the trailer's bunks probably need replacement. IF ANY BMSA MEMBER is interested in purchasing these items, please contact me. The sooner you let me know that you're interested, the easier for all involved parties. Again, if you're interested, please contact me.

The program for the May '09 meeting is THE ANNUAL AUCTION! Bring your gently-used excess boating equipment (or any other "stuff"

you might have lying about your home) to the May meeting; you might walk out with a few extra \$\$\$ in your pocket.

The next general meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, 5-13-09, at the Lower Heidelberg Fire Company. As always, I'd enjoy seeing YOU, there! And, it's also Mary's birthday; condolences will be accepted...

/s/ Tony S

*Meeting Minutes, cont'd*

out about our sailing club. We have not purchased any canopy but have been using Tom & Jan Stoner's. No new business. Meeting adjourned at 8:38 PM.

Respectfully submitted by

Mary Stajkowski

**Roster Update**

In response to the notice in the Tell-Tale that some BMSA Members had lapsed their membership, we are pleased to announce the return of the following members:

- Ralph & Dawn Bibbus
- Kenton Quint
- Sean Hollis

**MAY MEETING**

The program for the May general membership meeting will be the BMSA annual auction. This auction has always been loads of fun in the past, and this year should be fun-filled as well with P/C Ron Bukowski acting as auctioneer. Bring your no-longer-needed boating items and even non-boating items along to the meeting to auction off, and at the same time see if you can find something more useful to you. BMSA will charge a 10% fee.

**NOTE TO ALL MEMBERS**

In order to avoid the expense of mailing out all new membership cards and replacement pages for the Logbook, it is requested that everyone please come to a meeting in the near future to pick up your cards and logbooks.



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**BMSA 2009 Budget**

Below is the Blue Marsh Sailing Association 2009 budget. The budget was approved at the 13 April 2009 Board Meeting. The complete 2008 financial report and 2009 budget are available for review at the General Membership meetings.

| <b>2009 Income</b>           | <b>Amount<br/>(approximate)</b> | <b>2009 Expense</b> | <b>Amount Allocated</b> |
|------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|
| Membership                   | \$1,200.00                      | CBYCA               | \$115.00                |
| 50/50                        | \$100.00                        | Chaplain            | \$25.00                 |
| Advertising                  | \$250.00                        | Equipment           | \$50.00                 |
| Miscellaneous                | \$0.00                          | Fleet               | \$25.00                 |
| Social                       | \$1,200.00                      | Historian           | \$5.00                  |
| Store                        | \$200.00                        | House               | \$1,100.00              |
| Carry-over from reserve fund | \$770.00                        | Library             | \$0.00                  |
| <b>Total</b>                 | <b>\$3,720.00</b>               | Program             | \$50.00                 |
|                              |                                 | Publicity           | \$0.00                  |
|                              |                                 | Racing              | \$250.00                |
|                              |                                 | Safety              | \$0.00                  |
|                              |                                 | Social              | \$1,800.00              |
|                              |                                 | Stores              | \$150.00                |
|                              |                                 | Tell-Tale           | \$25.00                 |
|                              |                                 | Training            | \$50.00                 |
|                              |                                 | Vagabond            | \$75.00                 |
|                              |                                 | Miscellaneous       | \$0.00                  |
|                              |                                 | <b>Total</b>        | <b>\$3,720.00</b>       |

**Racing Season 2009**

I hope you will join us for the 2009 Racing Season. Our for-fun program will present an opportunity for you to get your boat out to our home lake - Blue Marsh. The following is the handicap that will be used for your boat. This was calculated based on your racing last year. If you have a new boat or will be racing for the first time, your handicap is based on the ratio of your boat's Portsmouth number divided by the average Portsmouth number for those having participated previously times the average Blue Marsh handicap. Handicaps are recalculated after each race day. New racers will have their handicap calculated based on their performance after four races, with the slowest 25% performances eliminated. The race days will be the last Saturday of each month as shown. If you have any questions, please call me at 610-223-3593 or e-mail me at [tjstoner@msn.com](mailto:tjstoner@msn.com). Tom Stoner

| <b>Racing Points Accumulated Toward 2009 Racing Season by Skipper</b> |                 |                |                 |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|
| <b>Skipper</b>                                                        | <b>Handicap</b> | <b>Skipper</b> | <b>Handicap</b> |
| B. Wilmon                                                             | 1               | R. Hemphill    | 1.17            |
| P. Dovin                                                              | 1               | M. Katzin      | 1.23            |
| S. Hollis                                                             | 1.04            | L. Brown       | 1.27            |
| J. Nichols                                                            | 1.08            | J. Rutolo      | 1.3             |
| J. Ward                                                               | 1.1             | M. Dougherty   | 1.45            |
| A. Antonini                                                           | 1.14            | T. Stajkowski  | 1.49            |
| T. Stoner                                                             | 1.14            | B. Ciferri     | 1.7             |
|                                                                       |                 | Average        | 1.22            |
| Points represent number of boats beaten plus 1/race.                  |                 |                |                 |

**Events For 2009**

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| <p style="text-align: center;"><b>May</b></p> <p>Wednesday, May 13 – Gen. Membership Meeting<br/>                     Saturday, May 16 – Sail to Bernville<br/>                     Monday, May 18 – Board Meeting<br/>                     Saturday, May 30 – First Race</p>       | <p style="text-align: center;"><b>June</b></p> <p>Saturday, June 6 – Day-sail – Nockamixon<br/>                     Fri.-Sun. June 12-14 – Spring Cruise<br/>                     Monday, June 15 – Board Meeting<br/>                     Saturday, June 27 – Race/Regatta</p>          |
| <p style="text-align: center;"><b>July</b></p> <p>Wednesday, July 8 – Picnic-Temple Playground<br/>                     Sat.- Sun., July 11-12 – Chesapeake Vagabond<br/>                     Monday, July 13 – Board Meeting<br/>                     Saturday, July 25 - Race</p> | <p style="text-align: center;"><b>August</b></p> <p>Wednesday, Aug. 12 – Picnic-USCGA<br/>                     Monday, Aug. 17 – Board Meeting<br/>                     Saturday, Aug. 22 – Day-sail<br/>                     Saturday, Aug. 29 - Race</p>                               |
| <p style="text-align: center;"><b>September</b></p> <p>Wednesday, Sept. 9 – General Membership Mtg.<br/>                     Fri.-Sun. Sept. 11-13 – Fall Cruise<br/>                     Monday, Sept. 14 – Board Meeting<br/>                     Saturday, Sept. 26 - Race</p>   | <p style="text-align: center;"><b>October</b></p> <p>Sat.-Sun. Oct. 10-11 – Chesapeake Vagabond<br/>                     Wednesday, Oct. 14 – Gen. Membership Mtg.<br/>                     Monday, Oct. 19 – Board Meeting<br/>                     Saturday, Oct. 31 – Turkey Race</p> |
| <p style="text-align: center;"><b>November</b></p> <p>Saturday, Nov. 14 – Commodore's Ball<br/>                     Monday, Nov. 16 – Board Meeting</p>                                                                                                                             | <p style="text-align: center;"><b>December</b></p> <p>Friday, Dec. 4 – Christmas Party<br/>                     Monday, Dec. 7 – Board Meeting</p>                                                                                                                                       |

## River Rats Paddle the Chesapeake

On April 18, six members of BMSA Team River Rats made a trip to Edgewater, MD and took a kayak tour of the West River, just south of Annapolis, courtesy of the Smithsonian Research Center. The Adairs slept over Friday and Saturday nights with the Vanino's on Conrad and Barb's boat, while the Rutolo's opted to make the round trip drive all in one day. The weather was absolutely perfect and the scenery was gorgeous. We paddled for about two hours and then had box lunches on the gazebo overlooking the Bay. We saw all sorts of wildlife, including: blue herons, osprey, kingfishers, lion-mantled jellyfish, and a water snake that Barb-the-Snake-Charmer lifted up with her paddle for all to see. After lunch we drove over the Bay Bridge to check out a launch area for the Spring Cruise and then drove to the Vanino's boat for happy hour. Conrad entertained us for some time with his amazing sailing stories, including the one about Barb playing Peter Pan while hiking out on Conrad's catamaran, many years ago. It was a fun day and a great way to warm up to the new sailing season.

Joe R – Team River Rat



## Thoughts on Vagabonds by Tom Stoner

*I have been thinking about vagabonds. I reviewed the list of past vagabonds and two that were very successful have not been done for a couple years. Mike Adair organized a sail from Cambridge to Oxford in 2001. It was a fun trip but required staying over on Friday night and Saturday night. The log canoes were racing that day and we helped to set the mast on one and were asked to join the crew but we declined since we had our own boats. The other I organized as a sail from the South River to Galesville in the West River in 2005. This trip was also done in 1999 but we started in the Rhodes River. A recap is attached. I actually would like to do both again.*

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## South River Vagabond - Recap

I thought I should get typing on this before the euphoria of the great sailing weekend wore off! I feel sorry for all of you that didn't get to join us because the weather and wind worked out just perfectly. Admittedly I had my reservations about the weather before we left – it was supposed to be sun and clouds on Saturday but Sunday was forecast to be light wind with thunderstorms. Not a good forecast for a small boat sail twenty miles round trip. But the “vagabond crew” consisting of the Adairs, Stajkowskis, and Stoners joined by the Whans and newcomers Katzens ventured out under cloudy skies from the Pier 7 marina next to the Route 2 bridge. The winds ranged between 10 and 15 and allowed us to sail with very little tacking right into our destination of the Pirate's Cove marina in the West River. Our slips awaited adjacent to the bar and motel area where we were able to have our cocktail hour and enjoy the live music. A delicious meal followed during which a light rain fell. Bedtime beckoned by 11:30 (I must be getting old) and I never heard the rain that fell during the night!

The next day was again overcast but we walked to a nearby store for breakfast which we ate under sun umbrellas in the back yard. We left the dock by 10:00 am and the wind just cooperated splendidly as it drove us again with minimal tacking back to Pier 7. With the cloudy overcast the temperature was quite comfortable. The sun finally came out as we knocked the boats down! A lunch in the marina picnic area prepared us for the uneventful drive home. I have been on many vagabonds and I must say this one with its two good days of sailing, comfortable destination distances, and nice accommodations rated among the best.

Overall I would say that this vagabond season was very successful with a nice mix of social and sailing. Thanks to those who made it so by making the arrangements and/or participating. Our last organized trip to the Bay is the Fall Cruise September 23-25 (a three day event) when we will be visiting St. Michael's and exploring the Eastern Bay. Charter a boat, take your own (mini-cruiser trailerables are O.K. too), beg a ride from someone but be there! Call Mike Adair to be included.

Tom Stoner

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

Your comments and contributions are always welcome and can be sent to the editor at

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Anyone interested in joining BMSA may contact Membership Chair Sandi Bukowski at 610-670-4850 for more information. Single membership is \$25, \$40 for couples or families.

If you are renewing your BoatUS Membership, be sure to mention our co-op group no., GA87894S, to get the special \$9.50 rate.

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