



## BABA Mid-Winter Party

by Daphne Lathouras

A big thank you to **Al and Joyce Marani** for hosting BABA's Mid-winter party at their home on the Middle River on Saturday, January 20. The party started after dark so we didn't get to take in their glorious view but their sailboat mast was run-up with Christmas lights and a windsurfing sail greeted the 45+ partygoers at the drive-way - a small sail, mind you, as it had been a ferociously windy day on the water. I arrived anticipating some icy windsurfing stories from **Roger Fitzgerald**, who had trolled More\_Downhaul and his list of high-wind friends looking for someone to sail with, but he had no takers so he took personal safety into consideration and didn't windsurf that Saturday afternoon. (**Roger, Fred Hylla and Gordon Palmer** had a great 5.0 session on January 8th at Rocky Point).



*Al Marani, Jackie Schnee, Mike McCormick*

BABA Chair **Maureen Pritchard** and Membership Coordinator **Ann Jackson** prepared a delicious pork tenderloin and marinated chicken breasts and BABA members contributed a smorgasbord of side dishes ranging from scalloped potatoes to vegetarian fried rice to homeade chocolate truffles. **Marc Rosen** schlepped the keg of Yuengling to the party, and then had to take it home to empty it properly before returning it to the brew store.

**Craig Heffner's** letter to the editor in the current issue of **Windsurfing Magazine** brought him some noteriety at the party, and **Rich Knox** hobbled around in a full leg brace following his knee surgery - winter is a good time for repairs! **Jackie Schnee** was there sans **Chuck**, who was in Telluride skiing. We had some members make the party from far-afield. **Tom Hickey** made the 6 hour round-trip from Martinsburg, PA to re-charge his windsurfing stoke so he could get through the rest of the winter. **Phil Anderson and Charlotte Firestone** were visiting from Morgantown, WV (by way of Bill's place in Annapolis) to represent the Anderson clan - **Bill** is in California visiting **Helen Van Gelder** at her winter home (they may be on their way to Maui by the time you read this).

**Al Marani** also treated partygoers to a demonstration of his antique music machines - a cylinder music box and a nickelodeon that plays enormous disks.

There was lots of chatter about the upcoming season (for the non-polar bears among us), trips being planned, the racing schedule, missing Hatteras etc.

Thanks again to **Al and Joyce Marani** for hosting the party, and to **Maureen & Albert Pritchard, Ann Jackson & Mike McCormick and Marc Rosen** for taking care of the party logistics.

*more party pictures on pages 4 & 5*

## BABA Mission Statement

The Baltimore Area Boardsailing Association (BABA) is a network of Northern Chesapeake Bay windsurfers. Our purpose is to promote the sport of windsurfing through seasonal racing, instructional clinics, social events and group travel to windsurfing destinations. The club is an advocate for windsurfer access to clean, safe launch sites. Our events focus on an enjoyable social experience while developing further windsurfing skills.

### For Membership information contact

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**ajax.tmm@verizon.net,**  
 or any member of the BABA Steering Committee.

www.windsurfbaba.org

## 2007 Trips to Hatteras

By Fred Thomas and Bill Anderson, Trip Coordinators

In 2007, we will again frolic in the waves and wind in Avon. We are planning these trips:

**Spring trips:** We will sponsor a trip in the first week of April, 2007, March 31 to April 7, 2007 for those who don't mind a little chill, and the high winds at the start of the sailing season. We expect to have one Island Creek house for this trip, but can add another if there is enough demand. The trip costs \$400 for a private, queen room, and \$200 for a shared room. Please email your interest to Bob Catzen at bob@catzen.com .

Information and the reservation form for the May 5 - 12, 2007 trip can be found on page 6.

**Fall Trip:** Hold this date for the Fall 2007 trip: October 6 – 13, 2007. Details will be coming in future newsletters.



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## You Know You've Been Windsurfing Too Long When.....

by Glenn Woodell, Windsurfing Enthusiasts of Tidewater (WET)  
*adapted and expanded from the Feb/Mar 2007 issue of  
 Windsurfing Magazine*

...your fingers are more wrinkled than your monofilm  
 ...your GPS plot is just a blob  
 ...it takes two printer cartridges to print out your plot  
 ...when the tide comes in.....again.  
 ...EVERY toolbar hotlink on your Internet browser is windsurfing-related  
 ...you have more toolboxes of windsurfing gear than toolboxes of tools  
 ...you have more broken gear than good gear because you just can't make yourself throw it away  
 ...you have more splintered carbon than a Formula 1 race car team  
 ...you wrap your Christmas presents with duct tape  
 ...you repair broken house windows with packing tape  
 ...you walk around work resting your hands on your belt buckle as if it's a harness hook  
 ...you don't notice that there is sand in your bed but your wife does  
 ...you think it's normal to walk in the rain without an umbrella  
 ...you make every car repair using only duct tape and a phillips screwdriver  
 ...your children go to school with duct tape on their boo boos  
 ...the box from your kid's VHS copy of Mary Poppins actually contains the 2002 PWA world tour highlights  
 ...you can actually thread a Streamlined downhaul pulley correctly  
 ...you have footstraps on the shower floor  
 ...you can name the locations of all the flags flying in your community  
 ...you can quote the water temperature for any week of any month by memory  
 ...you figured out how to get all the sand out of your ears in one showering  
 ...you finally felt guilty enough to join USW  
 ...when talking to your family, you use the term outhaul instead of pull and you don't even realize it  
 ...when driving, you look back over your left shoulder before making a left turn  
 ...when parking your car, you always park facing into the wind  
 ...when mowing the grass, you push the mower with one hand palm down while the other is palm up  
 ...half of the saved numbers in your cell phone are for emergency and rescue services  
 ...you know how long it takes you to drive, down to the minute, to each of your local launches  
 ...you get tired of correcting people when they say the weather is going to be bad when the forecast is calling for a front to come through.



Glenn Woodell

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*Daphne Lathouras, Tom Hickey, Paul Rogerson*



*Maureen Pritchard & Joyce Marani*



*Roger Fitzgerald & Albert Pritchard*



*Jack Ames & Sandy Rollins*

## You Know You've Been Windsurfing Too Long When.....

...you sell a perfectly good sail at the swap meet for \$50, just so you can go out and spend another \$500 to replace it.

...you realize you have a "quiver" of....wet suits.

*Coby Leyden*

....when a non-windsurfing acquaintance and summer Hatteras regular laments how that nor-easter must have ruined your vacation and you just give them a glassy-eyed grin.

*Daphne Lathouras*

....you give the weather forecast in wind speed.

....you're weighing whether to purchase a new carbon boom or a new couch, and the boom wins.

*Marcy Kennedy (WET)*

*Send your quotes to [babanews@mac.com](mailto:babanews@mac.com)*

### More Mid-Winter Party



clockwise from above: Marc Rosen & Fred Thomas; Daphne Lathouras & Steve Melnick; Fran Conway and Colin Pitts; Paul Rogerson & Janice Emerling

# BARE

**Petra Kanz**  
Windsurfing Clinics  
2007





## BABA IN AVON May 5th thru May 12, 2007



We are now taking reservations for the BABA May trip to the Outer Banks of North Carolina!

We have reserved houses at BABA's favorite windsurfing site on Hatteras Island. These are among the newest and roomiest houses in the Island Creek development and all have hot tubs. The private rooms all include a private bath. We will have grassy rigging areas, secure indoor equipment storage rooms and nice gathering areas, all on

Pamlico Sound. Come along and bring your friends and family, or just your favorite boards. Please contact Bill Anderson if you have questions: [wilmeaux@verizon.net](mailto:wilmeaux@verizon.net).

Just a reminder, if you haven't paid your 2007 BABA dues, please send in your membership application and the \$20 dues along with your trip reservation (membership form on p 11).

The prices this year are \$200 for a den or shared room and \$400 for a private room. In order to guarantee your place in the wind, sun and fun that goes with BABA's Avon excursions, please complete the following information and send it in as soon as possible:

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_ **Queen/King private room @\$400**

**name of person sharing room (if any)** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ **Shared space or den @ \$200**

**name, if desired, of person you would like to share room with:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Cancellation policy:** With notification of at least 2 months before a trip, BABA will provide a 100% refund. After that date, refunds are made if the space can be re-rented.

**Make your reservation and membership check payable to BABA and send to:**

**Bill Anderson  
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## Windsurfing Safety in the Growing World of Kiting

by Janice Emerling and Petra Kanz

This article came to exist after **Helen Van Gelder, Ann Jackson, Daphne Lathouras and I** were at New Road at Dewey Beach for a girls roadtrip the last weekend in October. Two events prompted me to call **Petra Kanz** for advice. Petra and I have had many emails and one long phone call to bring this to fruition.

Petra is very concerned that we water users come to learn how to live together and share close quarters--that water/beach access can be affected by all sailors. And it is to the benefit of all if we can prevent accidents and problems.

On Saturday afternoon of our October weekend (side onshore winds 20 to 30 mph, quite gusty, water a reasonable depth) Helen went back to shore, not long after launching, with an equipment problem. She and Ann were standing onshore, looking at her repair, when a kiter with a problem was walking into shore with his kite flying close to the water. I was in the water, trying to get Helen and Ann's attention, as his kite tapped Helen on the back. No biggie - but it was worrisome to me that Helen and Ann were not keeping an eye on the water with the wind approaching onshore and many kites on the water.

Sunday dawned, with very gusty, strong winds. When we got to New Road, the water was incredibly shallow with dead onshore wind, requiring a VERY long walk out to sail. We opted for a walk toward Tower Rd. As we arrived back to the beach at New Road we observed a kiter launching. I suggested we stay

behind a tree until he was safely away. He seemed to be working on a line problem, he took a little leap, landed, looked ok, and then the kite powered up, launched him into the windshield of the van next to us with a sickening thud, then he flew like a rag doll over the van, banged into the parking lot, kite powered up again as several people ran to catch him, they held onto the back of his harness, and all got dragged into the scrub pines at the side of the parking lot. Finally someone got the kite depowered and people (including Ann) supported the kiter in place until EMS arrived. He was eventually airlifted out, and I am very happy to say that Bob Ramsey saw him intact and kiting in December at New Road.

I am very glad that the kites are thriving in Delaware. There have been more than a few occasions that I am at New Road or Holt's Landing and they are the only other sailors on the water. I take my safety into consideration and I don't sail unless there is someone else on the water or on shore. So I love seeing them there. My concern is that sailors who don't share the beach or water with kites on a regular basis don't know that, especially in onshore conditions, extra vigilance is a good idea. Hence,



*Ben Schaible (kiting) and Petra Kanz (windsurfing) on a Starboard Tandem, showing just how well kites and windsurfers can get along. "Ben helps me out teaching wind and kitesurfing and has been the first MAN ever to be invited to work a Women's clinic..."*

my request to Petra to share in this sharing of ideas.

### **Petra Kanz:**

First of all I see Kiteboarding as a "sister sport" to Windsurfing, not competition. Just like snowboarders and skiers share the same playground, so do windsurfers and kitesurfers.

We should really try to make things safer and more enjoyable for all beach/water users. Often "safe kiting" rules benefit both pilot and innocent bystanders.

As a kiter one should avoid launching in dead on shore, gusty or offshore conditions. Stay well

away from people, as well as solid, immovable obstacles downwind of you. Don't launch a kite that is too large for your ability level or the existing wind conditions.

In crowded areas, instead of insisting to self-launch, ask for help from a person who knows how to handle a kite. Same applies for the landing. If it is windy and you have not flown your small kite in a while, remember it turns a lot quicker and you'll need some time to get used to it again. Wear protective gear. Don't be in a rush.

These few suggestions could help a kiter and other beach users to stay safe.

As a windsurfer I try to stay upwind of kites (on land and water) and out of their "dropzone" if possible. I watch for convoluted, elaborate equipment setups that of-

ten give away a rookie or nervous newcomer. Now the decision about approaching that individual or not is a delicate one. Over the years I have found however, that if done in a non judgemental and non-aggressive manner, most folks are OK with it. If you are not an "expert" on kiting find another kiter and ask if they are willing to make contact with the newbie. As the sport of kiting grows we all have to adapt a more pro active role on the beach. And yes,"the locals" are dealt an even more important role. That will help keep people safe and access open. Plus, we could all make new friends in the process. :)



Petra Kanz

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*Petra Kanz has been windsurfing for 15 years (teaching for 14) and kiteboarding for 5 (teaching 4).*

*She is US Sailing and PASA certified and teaches clinics independently and with Atlantic Kiteboarding. Located in South Jersey, she offers quality instruction and retail sales.*

*Petra is sponsored by Hot Sails Maui, Real Wind Boards, Flexifoil Kites and Aggression Kiteboards.*

*"My passion is getting girls and women into water sports."*



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## When Are Two Failures Better Than One?

*and Sometimes, you just have to wonder why Providence works as it does.*

by Chris Zeitvogel, BABA Okinawa Rep.

On New Years Day, a friend and I set out to go windsurf-island-hopping. It was warm and cloudy, turned out to be overpowered on my 7.2. After working upwind, we stopped at a beach where I added tension all around. Launching again, we sailed out over the reef where the waves were jacking up and we expected to have a little fun in the swells before pointing downwind for what was sure to be a wild ride.

I was thinking about how much fun it would be out there on a wave board. There were deep navy-blue channels and then the aquamarine of the shallows where the waves were, and plenty of depth at this mid-tide. Except for, of course, that one rock.

I could not have found that one rock any more squarely if I had been aiming for it. I was at speed in a wave trough, anticipating the next swell when that brown shape appeared just ahead with absolutely no time for reaction. I barely even slowed down as the power-box did exactly what it was supposed to do; allowed the fin

to break right off with no damage to the board. Just a CHUNKA sound, a little jerk, and then a slow-motion sideways slide ending with that much more salt water up my nose.....

So I came up, climbed on my board, and looked around. My lee shore was over a mile away. Cross-wind shore was about 3/4 mile. Either way, stretches of actual beach were sparse, the rest being sharp coral rocks or cast-concrete seawalls. And oh by the way, the nearest shore was miles away from our cars on another island. My sailing buddy came back and we discussed the situation.

The plan became that I would attempt to sail finless to the nearest cross-wind shore. Failing that; I would drift-drag to the lee shore, aiming for the very narrow beaches. My buddy would sail back to our cars and come around to pick me up. And so I gingerly set off. Slide, splash, slide, splash; tedious but doable. Harkened back to the very dawn of wsfm where when planning, you would place your front leg straight kneed with your foot alongside or ahead of the mast base, and your back leg bent sharply underneath you; arms straight and looking under your front armpit. Like an endless beachstart.

Anyways, after about my fifth body-drag-sideways-waterstart I looked back to check the progress of my buddy, whose orange and yellow sail I expected to see on the cloudy horizon. It was not there. And then I saw my buddies board; very much separated from his rig by about 100 meters and opening the gap. My buddy bobbed

in the water about halfway frantically waving his arms over his head.

Now it was very critical that I get over there and anchor his board, since a board with no rig drifts in the wind and waves much faster than a man can swim. It was hairy, and a very long few minutes; but I caught his board and sat there in the water holding his rear footstraps with one hand and mine with the other. He made it to me after five minutes of hard swimming.

His failure was obvious; the single-bolt mast base had failed at the bottom bolt to the joint. We would not be able to recover his rig. Both of us had emergency lines, so we tied a line from my rear footstrap to the towing eye on the nose of his board (Thank you European safety regulations!). He ditched his harness and lay on his board while I clumsily waterstarted and off we went.

The drag created by towing my buddy and his board actually compensated for my lack of fin enough to where I could actually hook in. It was still hairy, but we made it to the crosswind shore in only about 10 minutes.

If we had had a screwdriver, we could have simply switched his fin for mine and I could have sailed to our cars. We ended up getting a ride though. I went back out later and actually found his harness, but the rig must have sank.

We had not even made it back to shore yet before I was struck by how "lucky" it was that his joint had not failed a few minutes later. Had I been further away and not seen his predicament, he would have been in for an hours-long swim. And of course, how "lucky" it was that our two failures complimented each other so well, allowing us to make it back to shore relatively easily.

Every windsurfer should always carry a length of emergency line with them. I carry two; one tucked inside my suit and one tied onto my harness. It also occurs to

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1995? You might think so by the gear.  
 But that 1995 gear works just fine in December, 2006....  
 4.5 sail, HiTech glass 257 Shaped by Bill Foote  
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me that the majority of times that I have used my emergency line; it was as a direct result of some kind of failure concerning (someone else's) single-bolt base. I personally use 2-bolt bases exclusively. Two bolt bases have several advantages over single bolts: - a quick release - never loosens and comes out of the mast track unexpectedly - actually has three bolts involved in absorbing all those forces; the two that hold the base plate in the track and one holding the quick-release fitting to the actual joint.

Other lessons: - always plan you adventure to have a lee shore. - sailing in waves in a new spot is just hazardous. period. - Yes, it would have been a good idea to carry some some sort of waterproof communication device.





## 2007 Membership Application

\_\_\_ New Member      \_\_\_ Renewal

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\_\_\_ I would like to be an electronic subscriber to the newsletter

Volunteers are needed for race registration (meet other windsurfers), race committee boat (close up view of racing and great photo opportunities), newsletter articles and photos, clinic set up, cookouts, social event help, and other stuff. No experience necessary!

I'm interested in volunteering to help with (circle all that apply):

Newsletter    Racing Program    Hatteras Trips    Clinics    Local Trips    Social Events    Family Fun Day

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Release, Waiver of Liability, and Indemnity Agreement to the Baltimore Area Boardsailing Association

I, the above named individual being 21 years of age or older, in consideration of services which have been or will be performed by the Baltimore Area Boardsailing Association in providing travel arrangements and activities and of being permitted to participate in the Club trips, activities, events and other functions which I recognize as being hazardous, do for myself, my personal representatives, heirs and next of kin, (1) hereby release, waive, discharge and covenant not to sue or hold liable the Baltimore Area Boardsailing Association, its officers, its Board of Directors, their agents and members, jointly and severally, all for the purposes herein referred to as RELEASES, from all loss or damage, and any claim or demands, therefore, on account of injury to the person or property, or resulting in death, whether caused by the negligence of RELEASES or otherwise while for any purpose participating in any event or activity; (2) hereby agree to indemnify and save and hold harmless the RELEASES from any loss, liability, damage, or cost they may incur due to my presence and participation during any activity and whether caused by the negligence of RELEASES or otherwise; and (3) hereby assume full responsibility for any rise, due to my presence and participation and fault, of bodily damage, death or property damage due to negligence of RELEASES or otherwise while traveling, participating or for any other purpose while engaged in such activities. I expressly agree that the foregoing RELEASE, WAIVER, AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT is intended to be as broad and inclusive as is permitted by the laws of the state, states, or countries in which the activity is conducted and that if any portion thereof is held invalid, it is agreed that the balance of the agreement shall continue in full legal force and effect. I have read and voluntarily signed this RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT which shall remain in full legal force and effect until such time that I notify the Baltimore Area Boardsailing Association in writing that this agreement is voided and such notification is acknowledged by the Baltimore Area Boardsailing Association.

Signature(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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### DUES:

\$20.00 Individual or family (membership year 4/1/07 - 3/31/08)

Make checks payable to : Baltimore Area Boardsailing Association - or - BABA

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*Please note: If you are making a reservation for the May 2007 Hatteras trip, please send your membership form and dues along with your reservation form and trip payment directly to Bill Anderson. Info on p \_\_.*

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