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## BABA Supports Youth Windsurfing at BCSC

by Mark Raginsky, Chairman

I'm happy to announce that BABA purchased and donated 2 Bic Techno 293 boards and 3 rigs (3.7, 4.7 & a 6.8 Techno Class sail) to Baltimore County Sailing Center in support of their youth windsurfing program. One of my goals as Chair of the Steering Committee is for BABA to get involved in more community service, and I think this along with the BABA clean-up day at Rocky Point (more on p 10) are great steps in that direction.

BABA is committed to supporting the national and international focus on the Techno 293 junior class and to supporting windsurfing at sailing centers in the area. This could help bring more kids into windsurfing with the hope that they will continue with windsurfing as adults and build up the local windsurfing community.

Baltimore County Sailing Center has been very supportive of youth windsurfing for the past several seasons in spite of not owning any windsurfing equipment. They've been employing Britt Viehman to run windsurfing camps for kids in August for several seasons and Britt brings all the gear that is used for the camps. Britt Viehman is coach of Team USA - the US Windsurfing Junior National Team and he and US Windsurfing President Karen Marriott are bringing a lot of enthusiasm and energy to kids getting started in windsurfing.

The Techno gear we've donated to BCSC will give the juniors taking camps the opportunity to windsurf (and race?) during the season. The junior windsurfers will also have the opportunity to work towards the Techno Youth World Championships at St. Francis Yacht Club in San Francisco in 2011.

Another thing we need to do is give continued support to BCSC by volunteering throughout the season so their kids can have a good windsurfing experience. Our work with BCSC needs to continue - we all know that one doesn't learn to windsurf in a day! BABA members Tom Sargent and Michael Parramore volunteered their time as race committee members for the Junior Olympics for Sailing at Rock Hall on July 9 - 11. (more on p 8). I'd like to encourage everyone to come out for the BCSC Club Championship Races on August 22 (see p 5) where we hope to have some newbie juniors join us on the race course.

I'm really excited about BABA's support of youth windsurfing, getting kids involved, sharing the stoke and growing our sport and I hope that many of you will offer your support through volunteering, showing up for youth events and other activities.



*Tom Sargent, Aimee Poisson, Director of BCSC and Mark Raginsky*

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## 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.

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Caps \$20; Hooded sweatshirts \$25 S, M, L, XL for \$25 in black. T's \$15 Men's - dark green or steel grey M, L, XL; Women's in red and sky blue S, M, L. Long Sleeve Rash Guards \$25 with the BABA logo on the front and East of Maui logo on the back in navy or black, sizes S, M, L, XL. BABA Gear will be for sale at BABA events throughout the season.

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# Racing News

## BABA Racing Wrap-Up

### BABA 1 - Gerry Brown Memorial at BCSC - April 25

The first event of the BABA race series went off with great wind at Baltimore County Sailing Center. Formula and Longboard completed 6 races. And the



*Aimee Poisson and Marc Rosen*

forecast was for....thunder storms (never materialized during regatta time) and wind forecast to be below 10 mph (actuals during race time were low to mid-teens). And if anyone had any energy left after racing was finished they could've blasted around in high teens gusting to low 20's during daylight hours (and still no rain)!

Windsurfers and dinghy sailors from

*Formula Start*

BCSC contributed more than \$500 for cancer research at the Sidney Kimmel Comprehensive Cancer Center at Johns Hopkins in memory of Gerry Brown.

The lesson learned (and learned again) - pack your gear the night before a race and ignore the forecast. Come on out for some fun & competitive course racing or just to Meet at the Beach and free sail.

Thank you **Commodore Tomaso, Marc Rosen** and our host **Amy Poisson of Baltimore County Sailing Center** for putting on a great regatta. Thank you **New England Windsurfing Journal** and **Ezzy Sails** for sponsoring the event, and thanks to everyone who contributed in support of cancer research.

*Daphne, = (aka US 963)*

It was a lousy day to be out on the water unless you were running a windsurf race. Aimee and I were able to keep track of two fleets- boats and boards-using whistles and horns, respectively. The first and second races were light but by the time Race 3 started the Formula boards came out. Glad the rain never appeared and in spite of the moderate wind it was fairly comfortable in the boat.

*Marc Rosen*

### BABA 2 & 3 at Gunpowder - May 22 & 23

NO t-storms - even overnight for the campers (Farkle and t-rapidos!). 7am formula experience call-up on Sunday - when Kashy is among the campers you windsurf when the wind blows - followed by a big



*Kevin Gaston and Chip Erhardt*

breakfast cooked on the camp stove by the man himself and hot coffee a la Bernau. 10 longboard races (and 7 formula as reported below). **Marc Rosen** at the grill for lunch, dinner and lunch again. Zappa tunes on the beach. It was a classic BABA event.

*Daphne*

The weather man blew another forecast for Sunday. The wind came up and the Formula fleet finally got to sail. A total of 7 races were run, at least 4 races were planning for me and most of the fleet. Some of the skilled light air sailors planed in all the races.

Two regattas in the book, BABA racing is off to a good start this year. The longboard fleet must have recorded a dozen races, seems like they were on the water all weekend. Many thanks to all the BABA Volunteers.

*Tom Caswell, N60*

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## BABA 4 at Mayo - June 6

We had another great day of racing and some free sailing at Mayo too. The wind delivered and the race committee strategically set up the course to take advantage of the direction and the local effects. The bay swell was big making for VERY challenging conditions. Longboards were able to get 3 races.

It was a lot of work to keep my longboard from getting airborne - I did a lot of swell-riding on the downwind leg (my SUP outing in the waves at Frisco was



*Tomaso Sargent*

great cross-training!) and had to keep my concentration and sights just in front of my board in order to balance and take advantage of the swell - it was easy to lose track of the marks as they disappeared behind huge swells.

*Daphne, = (aka US 963)*

Race one: Psycho chop/no wind - the formula fleet expected high winds but just before the first race the wind dropped off to sub-planing conditions. Race one started slow, **Colin, Fan, Ludovico and Guillaume** (aka G-man) all passed me planing but soon they to came to a halt pump-plane-stop.

I saw Colin in front most of the race with Ludovico in second but I was so far-behind the pack I could not tell how they finished. The wind started to pick up by the time I drifted to the down wind mark and I planed up to the finish in last place of those who finished the race.

Race two: Psycho Killer. - Most of the fleet was on 11.0 a few 10.0 meters as well, the wind rapidly picked up to about 18 knots at the start with much higher gust but the river chop was Psycho from three directions and it was difficult to hold speed upwind but I managed to get to the weather mark with a big lead on the fleet. G-man was 200-meters behind so I backed off on the long bumpy down wind run and played it safe in the Psycho chop and 50 meters from the downhill mark

I heard G-man yelling for room at the mark as he passed me....oh shi....cheese dip.

I unhooked from the harness lines and carved upwind at the mark and quickly tacked and passed G-man about half way to the finish for the win, G was second. The wind kept increasing during the race so I headed to the beach to change fins.

At the beach we noticed Ludovico was missing and a nasty storm was closing in fast. **Abus Bernau** and I went looking downwind of the course, Alan found him first- his boom clamp rope broke. The boat picked him up and got back to the beach just before the sky opened up. I found out later that most of the F31 fleet did not finish the last race. It was one of the most difficult downwind runs I can recall since the 2003 ECFC in Solomons. One more regatta in the books.

*Tom Caswell, N60*

The race organizers were careful to watch for the impending storm so we were off the water before it rolled in - quite a lightning show and downpour.

Thanks to **Commodore Tomaso**, the **Pritchard** family for bringing the boat and serving as race committee, and the on shore volunteers who got lunch and kept an eye on the weather.

*Daphne*



*Fred Thomas and Marc Rosen*

## BABA 5 Gunpowder, June 27

Everyone who came out to race on the Gunpowder for BABA 5 is commended. In conditions prone to heat exhaustion, the racers completed 5 races in very shifty, gusty and otherwise surreal wind. The bay breeze was fighting the prevailing wind. White caps were coming up the river and sometimes it looked as if there was no pressure in the sails. It looked challenging enough from the boat. well done.

*Commodore Tomaso, US 919*



*Helen Van Gelder*

# Racing News

## Formula Windsurfing Festival

by Tomaso Sargent

**Dave Kashy** is living right. how else could you explain the raging success of his recent windsurfing festival. It's one thing to plan an event, pick the days, arrange all the logistics which included charter boards for those who wanted to experience formula windsurfing without investing thousands of dollars in gear, accommodations for all the out- of-town competitors from all over the country and world, personalized meals delivered to the event site, evening forays to interesting restaurants who kindly overlooked some rowdy exuberance from amped up sailors, imported talent for the race committee and a killer site (his home) on a point surrounded on three sides with water. that's the easy part. The fact that we had sunny skies and perfect wind FOUR DAYS IN A ROW is something one can't arrange. but it happened for dave. It was such a great time that we'll forgive Dave a few oversights, one which caused the committee boat to be boarded by the coast guard brandishing automatic weapons, demanding who was responsible for this sudden influx of reckless sailing craft zipping around, markers and buoys where none had ever been before, apparently testing the rules knowledge and boat handling skills of the local rednecks who dropped the dime

on us. Fortunately, Captain George was prepared and in compliance, passing the intense stem to stern inspection by the authorities. Dave, instead of being taken prisoner under the terrorist act was given a cursory slap on the wrist and we were tentatively allowed to continue, but this time with the "escort" of several coast guard vessels working hard to herd the afternoon motorboat traffic around our course. It all proved to be too much for them as our sailing angles took up much more than a square mile testing even the ability of the coast guard to keep track of what was going



Guillaume Viernes

ing on. Formal racing was curtailed for the day but there was a longboard race with a lemans start and finish from the beach. No foul there. He'll get a permit next time for an on the water event. My hat is off to you Dave. You've raised the bar for what a windsurfing event should be. I had a most excellent time, thanks.

Longboard Rabbit Start



### Racing Wrap-Up cont. from p 4

Big thank you to Tomaso for running the show. Longboard racing was fun and challenging again - barely enough wind to get to the upwind mark, and then ample wind and boat chop pushing us to the downwind mark making surfing skills an added benefit. Plenty of wind directions to confuse and confound us too. Formula put together 3 races and were ripping it up at every opportunity and schlogging when necessary.



Tom Caswell

Novice racer **David Denny** joined in the fun - like many novices without a race board he struggled and persisted to make it to the upwind mark and around the course. Congratulations to David for showing up and getting out on the race course. We hope to see you out for more racing. It's a great way to build windsurfing skills and push for the next level.

Thanks to **Helen and Bill** for carting the ice - we really needed it - it was hot on the beach but really nice on and in the water.

Also thanks to **Tom and Joni Beckman** who decided to come down for a "local" event (Hatteras trippers know them from the fall and spring trips) and were a great help. Joanie on the boat as race committee and Tom helping with on the beach stuff and squeezing some time in for free sailing. They had about 9 hours round trip drive to their home in PA.

Daphne

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## Formula Experience

by Paul Smith

Saturday, May 22nd 2010

I was planning on participating in the BABA race series the weekend of May 22 & 23. A couple of weeks prior to the race an email went out from BABA announcing that the event would include a Formula Experience. The Formula Experience is an opportunity to try out the Formula package. I wanted to explore various types of windsurfing boards and equipment, so this was a great opportunity. Thanks to **Tom Sargent** of BABA and **Dave Kashy** of Kashy Fins (and BABA and Windsurfing Enthusiasts of Tidwater) for organizing the Formula Experience. The Star-Board Formula Experience board and Severne sail were top notch and in great shape.

The first thing you notice about the Formula is the unique design. It's wide (100cm) and not very long (228 cm). It's 160 liters, has a long fin (60 - 70cm) and can handle up to a 12.5 meter sail. The Formula Experience board is designed to promote the Formula program.



*Bill Gassaway and Dave Kashy*

It's intended to be more accessible, durable and more affordable than high end Formula gear. The Formula Experience shape is frozen for four years. The Formula design concept is ideal for planing in light to medium wind that you would typically find in the Mid-Atlantic States.

Since this was my time on a Formula, I went with the smaller 10 meter Severne sail. The Severne sail has three cams and it was a bit tricky to rig, but, with the help of fellow sailors we got it.

On the water, the Formula like any piece of new equipment takes some getting used to and practice. Because of the length of the fin, it helps to flip the board upside down until you get into deeper water. Up-hauling the sail requires finesse; not muscle. The rig was provided with an **Easy up Haul** which helps to break the sail



*Tomaso Sargent and Paul Smith*

free of the water. Once the sail is up, you know you have a 10 meter sail in your hands. The wind was light overall, however, there were occasional gusts. When a gust hits the sail, the board quickly rises up and you can feel the power that the sail generates. The rig becomes more manageable and has a lighter feel under power. No doubt about it, the Formula wants to get up and fly! I can easily understand why Formula windsurfers are so dedicated to the class. It was a cool experience!

[http://www.star-board.com/2010/products/board\\_formula\\_experience.php](http://www.star-board.com/2010/products/board_formula_experience.php)  
<http://fe.internationalwindsurfing.com/>

## Baltimore County Sailing Center Races

**Club Championships  
Windsurfers Invited!  
Sunday, August 22**

Chase away the summer doldrums by participating in the BCSC Club Championships on August 22. It's a celebration of racing with participants from all programs invited to participate. This race follows BCSC's youth windsurfing camps so we hope there are some novice windsurfers participating. It's a great opportunity to share the windsurfing stoke with the BCSC crowd and mentor some new windsurfers.

**Round the Island Race  
Sunday, September 19**

This is the classic race that only a few BABA members can claim to have completed. Is this your year? Join the BCSC crew for some fun circumnavigating Hart Miller Island.

Check the BCSC website for more information. Both BCSC events are BABA Fun Races and are not scored as part of the BABA season.

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## Annapolis Yacht Club Race Clinic

by Ludovico Belli

I had the opportunity to participate US Sailing Development Team Training Camp at Annapolis Yacht Club over Memorial Day Weekend. Four fleets participated: Laser, I420, 29er and the Bic One Design Techno 293 Class. Though part of the same training camp we each had coaches for our class - Techno 293 coaches were Nevin Sayer, Britt Viehman and Leandro Spina who usually coaches sailboats but focused this year on the growing class of Bic Techno 293.

The first day we had breakfast at 8 and rigging at 8:30 where I got to meet all the guys with whom I was going to do the clinic for the next two days. We were two girls and four boys, all passionate about windsurfing. We then had a debrief around 10 where the coaches explained what was going to be done on the water. At 11 we left the yacht club from the docks and sailed out of the Annapolis harbor. We were followed by our coaches in boats from which they'd yell advice and suggestions to make us go faster and be more efficient. What we really worked on that day was pumping and starts. After lunch we went on with some more starts and short races. When everyone was out of energy we headed back to the yacht club and had a long hour of debriefing with videos that were taken during the day. After finishing the debriefing we all had dinner with the sailors from the other fleets.

The second day we did some starts and short races but mainly focused on pumping downwind. In order to do that we setup a course with an upwind mark and then a downwind finish, we raced this course about about six times. After having lunch and repeating these drills once again we headed back to the yacht club and had another hour of debriefing with video. When done with all the mental and physical activity we finally had dinner.

The last day was short and started quite early as people had to get back home later in the afternoon. We were on the water by 9 after a group breakfast and fast debrief. This time we just stayed out a couple of hours and did two or three short races. Once done with that we headed back to the club, ate and had an hour and a half of debriefing where we covered all sorts of things about regattas and what we had to work on.

Overall this was a great experience as it helped me learn many things about starts and how to examine a course better. The many long debriefs with all the great coaches helped me realize what I was doing wrong via the videos. Most of all, the precious information given by the coaches was just great (I wrote about 7 entire pages of notes). I'm stoked to have participated to this clinic and hope to go to the next one organised by the US Sailing Development Team.

*ed note: If you've been to any BABA races lately you've probably seen Ludovico ripping around the course on formula board and an 11m sail. At age 15 he has no fear and is charging.*



Ludovico Belli

## Hampton Roads Long Distance Race

by WET member Mason Leon

WET members are gearing up to participate in the Hampton Roads Dinghy and Distance Race on September 25. It's a long distance fun race covering the 8-10 mile distance from Willoughby boat ramp to the ODU Sailing Center. Organizers expect 55-60 boats to race. The Portsmouth Boat Club has all the organization for the regatta covered and they've added longboard or formula as separate entry categories on the website. Click on . The regatta fee is \$15 and includes breakfast and lunch as well as stuffed regatta bags for participants. The plan is to rig up at Willoughby, then drive to the ODU sailing center. Everyone will leave their cars at ODU so that they can derig when the race ends. Transportation will then be provided from ODU back to Willoughby on buses so that everyone will have their car at the finish line location. Safety boats will also be present during the race. They have tried to make the race really fun and easy for the participants; very few rules and a single long stretch down the river.

Current sponsors include Neil Pryde Sails, Yorgo's, Subway, the Portsmouth Boat Club, and Spinsheet (a popular Chesapeake Bay sailboat racing magazine). This is a great opportunity to expose other sailors and spectators to our sport and generate more local interest in windsurfing. Please register in advance on the regatta website so the organizers are sure to have enough regatta bags and have time to make trophies. For further information contact Jonathan Romero at [romeoarms@cox.net](mailto:romeoarms@cox.net)

NOR and Registration is here: <http://mysite.verizon.net/vze12qukq/>

Click on 2010 Race Registration to see who's racing - 1 formula and 6 longboarders to date.

# Juniors News

## Junior Olympics for Sailing at Rock Hall, MD

by Tomaso Sargent and Michael Parramore



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Ian Stokes

a nationwide series of regattas for youth ages 8 - 21. 124 sailors competed at Rock Hall and more than 4,000 sailors are expected to participate across the US.

Ian Stokes representing Norfolk Yacht Club won 10 of 11 races in windsurfing. Other local windsurfers were Kyle Comerford representing Annapolis Yacht Club and Andrew Gillen representing Baltimore County Sailing Center.

Scores were:

1. Ian Stokes (Norfolk YC)
2. Chris Waldo  
(Clearwater Community Sailing)
3. Margot Samson (CCS)
4. Kyle Comerford (AYC)
5. Andrew Gillen (BCSC)
6. Charlotte Samson (CCS)

Charlotte Samson and Margot Samson



July 9-11 Six sailors competed in wind-surfing at the Junior Olympics for Sailing at Rock Hall, MD. 2010 was the first time board sailing was included in the JO's marking a high level of commitment from US Sailing towards building windsurfing as a youth sport. The JO Sailing Program is a

One of the highlights of Sunday's racing was when Margot Samson won a race, beating all the boys. Andrew Gillen raced on one of the rigs that **BABA** recently donated to BCSC.

The organization for this kind of an event is mind boggling. 125 volunteers, carnival like games for the kids (dunking chair was a big hit), vendors like hobie sunglasses, sailing clothing, as well as food vendors like BBQ and boardwalk fries. I (Tomaso) was stationed off the windward mark--ready at a moments notice to move it at the request of the Principle Race Officer, **Michael Parramore**. The boat was like an old maine lobster boat captained by ex-submarine commander Peter Gates and his charming daughter, Lilly, who strummed the ukulele as the competitors rounded the windward mark. We all rafted up together for lunch out on the water, entertained by Ian doing back-flips off the cabin roofs of our flotilla. we were given 3 boats to run the windsurfer races. The committee boat was a 30' wood work boat piloted by an amusing British fellow. The chase boat (and the boat Britt coached from) was a 16' whaler. On Sunday there was a chesapeake bay log canoe race that came near the course, tacking near our windward mark. Our extremely cool accommodations, the Club Zedd, generously provided by BABA member **Alan Zametkin**, was situated on a cliff above the Chesapeake Bay. You could see Middle River and Hart-Miller Island directly across. All in all a very positive experience and a beginning to introducing windsurfing to the young sailing community. Our job will be to sustain this early



Ian Stokes, Chris Waldo and Kyle Comerford

momentum by getting these interested kids to our events.

Four of the windsurfing athletes competing are members of Team USA and came with their coach Britt Viehman. Karen Marriott, the President of US Windsurfing was in attendance and gave a great speech and introduction of the team at the opening ceremony. At the closing ceremony US Sailing President and America's Cup Hall of Famer Gary Jobson told the competitors, "Winning is nice, learning is more important, but the most important thing is having fun. Sailing is all about having a good time." An awesome weekend for US Windsurfing, the JO's and windsurfer racing on the Chesapeake bay!



Andrew Gillen

*ed note 1: A big thank you to BABA members and authors of this article Tomaso Sargent and Michael Parramore who shared the BABA stoke and volunteered their time as race committee at the JO's, running all 11 windsurfer races.*

## Youth Windsurfing Gets a Reboot

An Interview with Nevin Sayre  
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To learn more about the Windsurfing Task Force and the newly formed Youth Development Windsurfing Team, we spoke with Nevin Sayre, a member of the Windsurfing Task Force, a five-time U.S. National Windsurfing Champion, Junior Sailing Programs Director at Bic Sport North America and father of US Sailing Team Alphagraphics member (and WindCheck contributor) Solvig Sayre.

**WindCheck:** What are junior sailing programs in countries like Great Britain and France doing with windsurfing that those in the USA need to emulate?

**Nevin Sayre:** Windsurfing is fully integrated into most junior sailing programs in the UK and France from the get-

go. Kids go back and forth, or they focus on windsurfing or dinghies (or multihulls, in many cases in France) as they grow up.

**WC:** What are your “bottom up” and “top down” strategies?

**NS:** From the bottom up, we’re trying to get windsurfing into junior sailing programs. The technology has made it possible, and that wasn’t the case ten years ago. You didn’t have one board that an 8-year-old, an 18-year-old or an 80-year-old could sail. With different size rigs, that’s now very possible with one board. The rigs have developed to a stage where you can have an affordable rig that even an 8-year-old can pull out of the water and go windsurfing with very little effort. Windsurfing is far and away the most affordable form of sailing. For the price of one-and-a-half 420s you can get a fleet of eight windsurfers and 12 different rigs to fit sailors of all sizes and abilities. From the top down, we’re creating events for kids who aspire to

compete, and opportunities for more high-level coaching.

**WC:** What is the Youth Development Windsurfing Team?

**NS:** It’s a youth pipeline team endorsed by the US Olympic Sailing Committee, comprising kids who are very committed to training and getting good international results. They’re selected nationally, not just in the Techno 293 but also the RS:X Olympic class or other windsurfing classes. We want to get these kids together so they can learn from each other, receive higher level coaching, and get as much support as they can to go to international events. Americans get our butts kicked when we go over to Europe! Last year, we brought a team of Americans to the Techno 293 World Championship for the first time. There were 300 kids age 16 and under at this regatta in England, and it was a big eye-opener for these kids who had raced in, at most, fleets of 20. The skill level was very, very high and our results reflected that. Last month, Ian Stokes, who is the 2007 Opti National Champion, finished mid-fleet at the Civitavecchia Techno 293 Open Regatta in Italy. Kids like Ian, who is very good sailor, need exposure to international windsurfing competition where the starts are really tough and the level is very high. We’re catching up slowly but surely, but it takes a lot of coaching and getting to those regattas, and we need to keep raising by having our own high caliber events.

**WC:** Have there been any such events in the USA?

**NS:** In March, we had 30 kids from Mexico, Canada and the USA at the Techno 293 North American Championship in Merritt Island, FL. That was a bigger event than we’ve ever had before, and the top girl and the top guy qualified for the first Youth Olympics in Singapore in August. That’s a new event and most people haven’t even heard about it. Everyone knows the Summer and Winter Olympics, and from now on there will be a third event, the Youth Olympics. There’s a very narrow age range for this event. You have to have been born in 1994 or 1995, so you can easily be too old or too young. We selected the top kids from this continent. Margot Samson from Florida will be representing the USA, although a Puerto Rican kid and a Mexican

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*Kyle Comerford, Chris Waldo and Margot Samson*

*ed note 2: Margot Samson, Charlotte Samson and Ian Stokes will be traveling to France shortly to compete in the Techno 293 World Championships and later this summer Ian and Margot will be representing the US at the Youth Olympic Games in Singapore, August 14 - 26, 2010. The YO’s aim to bring together talented young athletes from around the world. The first Summer Youth Olympic Games will gather approximately 3,200 athletes and 800 officials and feature 100 sailors, aged 15-16 years, in four sailing events: one person dinghy men; one person dinghy women; windsurfing men; and windsurfing women.*

<http://www.chestertownspy.com/2010/07/junior-olympic-sailing-race-ends-with-success/>

<http://www.teamusa-windsurfing.blogspot.com/>

Windsurfing Task Force website: [homepage.mac.com/sailing/wtf/wtf2.html](http://homepage.mac.com/sailing/wtf/wtf2.html).

Youth Olympic Games - Singapore <http://www.sailing.org/23957.php>

Junior Olympics (US) [http://racing.ussailing.org/Categories/Junior\\_Olympics.htm](http://racing.ussailing.org/Categories/Junior_Olympics.htm)

## Rocky Point Clean Up

by Roger Fitzgerald

Rocky Point Golf Course Windsurfing beach is used mainly for West and Northwest high wind sailing in the spring and fall, and is generally regarded as the best place for those days on the western side of the bay. In September 2009, Baltimore County Rec. and Parks placed large rocks blocking the entrance to keep vehicles out, but the area is still open for windsurfing. On Sunday, May 16th, 2010, BABA sponsored a beach clean up of the area. We had a total of 17 sailors and other volunteers show up to clean up the beach on a nice sunny but light wind day. **Roger Fitzgerald, Richard Thompson, Bobbie Ann Thompson, Fred Hylla, Mark Raginsky, Colin Pitts, Fan Pat, Craig Heffner, Janice Emerling, Tom Sargent, Jeff Knaub, Clara Knaub, Joe Wingard, JoAnne Wingard, Paul Cudone, Linda Grande, and a sailor named Dave** all pitched in to make this a big success. We found many bottles and cans, several tires, a very heavy seat cushion from a boat, and lots of broken glass.

Karen Brown of the Baltimore County Rec and Parks Back River office thanked us for our efforts, and Baltimore County hauled away the trash. While the sailors who use this beach regularly clean it up and haul away the trash, we wanted to make more of a public effort this time so that Baltimore County would recognize our contributions to the park, and hopefully reconsider the reduced access. We have asked them to move the rocks for the months of April and May, and again in the fall, or to allow us to contribute to a more secure steel pole gate to replace the cable and lock system that was used for 16 years,

*Tomaso Sargent*



*Jeff Knaub, Roger Fitzgerald, Paul Cudone, Linda Grande, Janice Emerling, Fred Hylla and Craig Heffner*

but so far Bud Chrismer, the deputy director of Rec. and Parks, has refused to make any changes.

Thanks to all who helped clean up this important sailing site. Please contact me if you are interested in working to regain full access to this beach, continued publicity can only help our cause, many sailors have written letters to the Baltimore County Executive and County Council members.

*Bobbie Ann & Richard Thompson*



### Youth Windsurfing cont from p 9

kid beat out the American guys to represent North America. There's a remote chance that we'll get a wild card berth, and someone like Ian Stokes might represent the USA. [Sayre's son Rasmus, age 12, won the U15 division at the North Americans.]

WC: Where are this year's US SAILING Junior Olympic Windsurfing Festival events being held?

NS: The first one is in Merritt Island, FL in June, then there's a Sailing Festival in Rock Hall, MD in July that will include windsurfing for the first time. St. Francis Yacht Club in San Francisco is hosting one in October, and I will be hosting the East Coast Junior Windsurfing Championships at Vineyard Haven Yacht Club on Martha's Vineyard August 3 - 5. Kids from Canada are registering already and we should have a good turnout. We really welcome kids who are just starting out. The Gold fleet is for kids who can blast around the course, and the Silver fleet is

for those who may have never raced before but can get upwind. They realize, "Wow, this is a lot of fun!", and get the bug, and maybe they're in the Gold fleet next year. The 2011 Techno 293 World Championships will be at St. Francis Yacht Club, and people are gonna be amazed because there will be 300 kids age 16 and under rippin' around San Francisco Bay.

WC: What's your prognosis for windsurfing in the USA?

NS: Everything is pointed in the right direction. There are more junior sailing programs that now have windsurfing, more events and more excitement, and it's coming back...I only need to look out at the harbor in Vineyard Haven. You'd see windsurfers out there every day in the early 80s, and then for a long time you didn't. Now you see windsurfers again, and it's because the gear is easy, it's affordable, and it's just flat-out fun.

*ed note: also read "Break the Traditional Mold - Be an All-Round Sailor" by Ned Crossly <http://tinyurl.com/2fqdthe>*

## Search for Flat water and High Wind: BABA 2010 Speed Quest

by Roger Fitzgerald

**Craig Heffner** took the lead in the 2010 Speed Quest after his trip to Solomons Maryland on May 9th. While scanning the bay with Google Earth, Craig noticed a long point and breakwater on the Patuxent river, just north of the Route 4 bridge near Solomons and decided to try it after the massive winds of May 8th got him warmed up for sailing! Check out his tracks on the Google Earth view. Winds were gusty, but Craig managed an excellent run of 33.497 knots for 10 seconds, and the average of his best five 10 second runs (5 x 10sec) was 29.672 knots. Keys to the best speeds are good winds and flat water, the top speeds in GPS Speedsurfing.com are always from the flat water sites, so please email me or Craig if you see anything like this in your travels. This location was partially blocked because the breakwater was too high, ideal conditions would be a breakwater that is just one or two feet above the water.



June 1, 2010 standings:

Craig Heffner: 5 x 10sec = 29.672 knots, Solomons, MD  
 Roger Fitzgerald: 5 x 10sec = 29.108 knots, Avon, NC

Women's Division  
 Amber Kasbeer: 5 x 10sec = 24.031 knots, Avon, NC

## DelMarVA Board Sport Adventures

by Janis Markopoulos

George Markopoulos and I have formed DelMarVA Board Sport Adventures. We are the RRD Windsurfing / Stand Up Paddle dealer for the mid-atlantic area. We offer guided standup paddle tours of our favorite venues along the beautiful Delmarva peninsula. Private windsurf coaching sessions are also available. We believe RRD to be quality gear and that is all George rides as a sponsored team rider. We offer SUP excursions in Lewes, DE, at the location of your choice, SUP YOGA, guided SUP tours for small groups, SUP and supper combinations or we'll work with you to design a custom SUP adventure.

George and I live in Milford, DE and we are serving the entire mid-atlantic area from PA, DE, NJ, VA and MD. If anyone has a need for quality gear for rent or sale, we are happy to serve you.



You can keep up with George's windsurfing and SUP adventures by reading his blog <http://www.live2sail.blogspot.com/>. I write about SUP at <http://www.live2sup.blogspot.com/>. You can subscribe to our newsletter or find us on Facebook via our website [www.delmarvaboard-sportadventures.com](http://www.delmarvaboard-sportadventures.com)

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## New BABA Member

On April 10th 2010, Carsten, Amaresh and Aliyah Boekholt were pleased to celebrate the arrival of Liam Phillippe, at 9:27pm. They are very happy and most importantly, healthy.



## BABA IN AVON OCTOBER 9-16, 2010:

It is now time to make a reservation for your space in the sun, wind and fun for the Fall BABA pilgrimage to the Outer Banks!

By Fred Thomas

We are now the largest group visiting the Cape, and when we come, it's BABA week in Avon. We have rented 6 houses, all Soundfront, in Island Creek. Go to <http://www.hatterasrealty.com/> to check these houses out: Island Storm, Star, Mist, Sky, Thunder, and Gust. These houses all have 4 bedrooms, plenty of baths, hot tubs, great launch sites, nice grassy rigging areas with ample room for all that equipment, secure indoor equipment storage rooms, and nice gathering areas. Because of space limitations, priority will be given to fall 2009 trip goers.



Closer to the trip time, we will organize and assign rooms via email. The price is \$225 for a shared room (double occupancy; many have private baths) and \$450 for private room, most with king beds and private baths.

To guarantee your place in the wind, sun and fun that goes with BABA's Avon excursions, do the following by August 1:

- 1) email me to let me know that you're coming (so I can acknowledge as well), [frederick.thomas06@gmail.com](mailto:frederick.thomas06@gmail.com)
- 2) Show me the money by sending your reservation form and check made out to "BABA" to:

Fred Thomas  
2418 Meadowside Ct  
Monkton, MD 21111

## BABA in Avon October 9 - 16, 2010

Please send with check by August 1, 2010

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

What accommodation do you want? \_\_\_\_\_ Private room, mostly king beds \$450

\_\_\_\_\_ Shared room, single bed \$225

Any preference for house or room/house mates? \_\_\_\_\_

(we'll try to accommodate, but don't count on it; this is confidential)

## BABA in Avon - Early April



by Roger Fitzgerald

Most early April trips to Avon, NC are windy but cold, this year was an exception with warm weather and SSW winds for six of the seven days. The trip is best summarized with these numbers:

Saturday: SUP

Sunday: 7.4 (111L & 95L)

Monday: 6.6, 5.9, 4.7 (95L & 84L)

Tuesday: 4.7 after noon

Wednesday: 4.7 am, 4.2 pm

Thursday: 4.7 am, 4.2 pm

Friday: 4.2 from 11:30 to 1:30

Quite repetitious from Tuesday through Friday in a good way, I just left my 4.7 and 4.2 rigged on those days, and picked the appropriate sail based on the conditions visible from Island Gust, our Island Creek house. It was nice to use a progression of boards and sails starting with the big stuff on Sunday, then working down to 4.7 by Monday afternoon and 4.2 by Wednesday. Many of the sailors were on 3.7's by Wednesday, winds were a steady 32 gusting to 36 mph.

We were next door to Mike Burns, the freestyle sailor from Long Island, so saw lots of pro-level freestyle maneuvers when the wind was up. Local sailors Stuart Proctor, Andy McKinney, and Ken Ahrendt joined us for the high winds on Monday and Wednesday, with a photographer from Windsurf magazine wading into the sound on Wednesday to take closeups of the radical freestyle moves by Stuart, Andy, and Mike.

BABA members **Fred Hylla, Steve Cohen, Paul Albers, Mark Raginsky, Mark Weinman, and Joe Wingard** joined me on this trip for the week of April 3rd to 10th. Everyone had a great

time with several trips to the reef and lots of planing sailing. This was essentially a trip without any slogging, 99% of our time on the water was full on planing, with no need to pump the sails to get started, just sheet in and rip!



*Andy McKinney and Ken Ahrendt*

## Planing on the Great White Gemini

by Roger Fitzgerald

Anyone who has not experienced tandem sailing in planing conditions should try it at least once, but it is not for the faint of heart! Ken Ahrendt of Wind NC, the new Avon Windsurfing shop that replaced Sailworld Hatteras, brought the "Great White Gemini" Starboard tandem sailboard to Island Creek on Monday, April 5th and challenged us to ride the beast. **Steve Cohen** and I took up the challenge, and used our 6.0 and 5.9 sails to power this massive board, which weighs in at 50 pounds and is approximately 3 x 13 feet.

The first task was to launch the board, we did that and turned it sideways to attach our sails, then faced the ultimate sailing test- how to maneuver this thing! Steve and I simultaneously beach started and got it moving in the 30 mph winds- definitely not recommended for beginners- but then had trouble steering, spectators noted that we were not exactly synchro-

nized. My biggest worry was that we would plow over some unsuspecting sailor standing in the sound, I could not see much out front and there was no way to turn rapidly, or turn much at all once we were at speed. When this massive board lifted onto a plane, we rose up out of the water and just roared along, quite the sight and not something to take lightly, this board and sailor combination was nearly a quarter ton of mass, moving at 20+ mph!

After running about 500 yards to the Avon Sound wind meter area, we got off rather awkwardly but with no major damage, and worked on turning around for the trip back. Once more a simultaneous beach start was the call to get on, and when we were underway I talked to Steve about the strategy for dismounting. Too much talking for Steve, we got out of synch and fell off, with Steve going to leeward while I



*Roger Fitzgerald and Steve Cohen*

pulled my sail down over my head. While in the water we worked out our stopping technique, a countdown from three followed by simultaneous release of our rigs while both sailors fell back in the water. As you can see from the final photo, this worked well and we managed to stop planing and get off the board before hitting the bulkhead. Happy to report that no one was injured in this episode, we both wore helmets as a precaution.



## BABA in Avon - Hatteras x4

by Paul Kenyon

This May BABA trip was my 4th and it was the best for me so far.

I learned about BABA 6 years ago when I met a then BABA member, Lisa Strong. She was paddling her white water boat in the surf at the Cape Hatteras lighthouse. I had the only other white water boat out in the surf. The surfing was good, as I recall: frightening seen from shore but actually smiling, lumbering rollers that took their time lifting us well above the surrounding water, allowing us to catch and ride straight down them toward shore, pursuing us with laughing, thundering crests. While outside the break waiting for surfable rollers to come in - fighting to catch our breath, actually - and paddling among dolphins, Lisa told me where she was staying and, at the end of my week, seeking one more sailing day and a place to stay that night, I went to Island Creek and wandered among the houses sporting the familiar blue and



Janice Emerling

### Great White continued

It might be best to try the Gemini for the first time in lighter winds, Andy McKinney of Wind NC says it is a great relationship test for couples, Andy and his girlfriend, Anne, are able to sail this board together in harmony, so much so that they are planning a July wedding.

white BABA banners looking for someone named **Helen Van Gelder** and especially someone else named **Bill Anderson** who, she said, would let me know if I could find a corner to set out my sleeping bag for that night.

I was pulled into the BABA family immediately as I wound among the houses and up and down stairs to decks asking for Helen and Bill. My quest took me past a bedroom where two people were playing classical guitar duets, music stands and all. I remember thinking, "Hm-mm, not your ordinary, party-hearty, catch-us-if-you-can, sailboarding bunch." Apparently, BABA people were folk of refined sensibility. Bill, when I caught up with him, said, "Oh. Yeah. Sure," and I had a spot and I began to meet members. There were so many gentle, comfortable originals in the BABA houses that singling out any risks leaving out essential color. Let's just say, I felt at home.

Two years later my Vermont sailboarding group disbanded - as their kids entered college and could express more openly and honestly their opinion of their parents' sports vacation preferences - and I joined BABA. That was pre-unicycle, something many of you know about - and pre-fiddle, something most of you don't and something I'll spare you for the next decade. **Gordon Wells** was my roommate that first trip. I struggled to remember names. Met Alice and Coby, and the perennially vanishing Fred Hylla who'd return in the evening to refer during casual dinner conversation to wild sailing in the exotic lands down-island and on the "big side." And I learned about **Al Marani's** all-welcome, waffle breakfasts famous for his fabulous fruit filled waffles and stimulating wake-up discussions of world events, experienced my first meet-greet and BABA BBQ now the BABA-Q.

This May BABA Hatteras trip was the best not because of the winds (we sailed on medium to small sails three days and larger sails, one, with a Saturday morning going-back-home special of 4.5 m sailing for 150 pound people like me in winds ragged enough to wear me out in under two hours) or the surfing (the surf wasn't



Paul Kenyon

particularly good this time down, surfers notably absent from the best surfing beaches) but because of the great people, stimulating conversation and variety of things to do with friends. It was the best one so far because I am settling in. I find I miss my BABA friends now through the summer and would like to be sailing with them though I live too far away to make it down for sailing meets. I'd invite you all up here, where the sailing is some of the best in the world, it is said, but the winds are even harder to predict here than where you are sailing now.



Warren Evans

I've been learning things with BABA. For example, I learned that one unicycle riding around the parking lot on a windless morning is just one person being harmlessly silly, but, with the addition of **Tom Beckman**, have discovered that two unicycles riding around the parking lot on said windless morning has a virtual multiplier effect - much as when more than one child playing around the house seems like a

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### Hatteras x4 continued

sudden herd of them - there seem to be unicycles buzzing all over the place. And, now imagine the discovery that there were actually four unicyclists in the group...not just in BABA (there may be more, are almost guaranteed to be more the way things are going) but actually at the May trip this year, 4 unicyclists, 2 unicycles, all at the same BABA-Q, thereby anomalizing the unicycle population density probability curves. What, Ãs the new what? Heads up; the unicycle is the new 9 m. And, uni-quantum physics shows us that one unicycle can be in more than one place at the same time, enhancing the virtual multiplication phenomenon. They also pop in and out of existence unpredictably - any time, any place. You never know. It's a whole new world out there.

BABA members also get high marks for diplomacy. I am a [proud] self-taught sailboarder which means I have learned all the mistakes and continue to hone them. I've expressed my desire to teach what I've learned and, while no one has actually taken me up on my offer (wisely,) a few have allowed as how they'd be interested sometime. This is the perfect balance. I get to think I might, any day, guide someone to their first gybe - a thrill for me - while actually not endangering anyone's technique, the future of their sailing still promising. All you have to do to realize I'm making up my moves as I go along is watch my footwork as I trip over deck hardware. Not found in videos or advertised in stores.



Albert Pritchard



Dan Fenstermacher



Sandy Rollins



Joe Wingard and Paul Kenyon



### Quick Trick Fit Stack

4 boards, 2 bikes, 4 booms (5 on the way home), 5.5 masts (you got that right), 8 sails, 2 windsurfers (Shawn Higbee and Amanda Socaris-Smith), 4 wetsuits, 3 prs of booties (4 on the way home), 2 harnesses (3 on the way home), food, clothes and a frisbee. And we could see out of all of the windows!

I joined the BABA trip on Shawn's coattails without knowing much about the trip or a single soul besides him. What I found was a great group of people who love to sail as much as they love a good game of Scrabble, talking about old trips and feasting on Amber's molten lava chocolate cakes. Of course there are a few folks who love to sail more than all of those things combined and are willing to do it at 7am if the wind might be "screaming monkey" conditions. I enjoyed watching them from the house's deck with coffee in hand, awaiting a fresh waffle from Al the Waffle Man.

I realized I have a lot to learn in the pursuit of a zen-like windsurfing attitude. I still regularly get frustrated at what I can't do and nervous when the wind gets "too high", but I made some small steps forward on the trip. I also realized how nice it is to sail with so many people who love the sport and support each other no matter where they are in the process of learning. I look forward to the next time.

Amanda Smith-Socaris

Amber Kasbeer

## BABA SUPER Women (and Men)

### An Exquisite Corpse

We, the Women of BABA, arrived at Frisco Beach with our rented SUP boards (we cleared out the SUP supply at several shops) and our BABA men, with dreams of small waves and blue skies. We had picked this day with the advice of Tom Whittemore - expected low wind (read no windsurfing on Pamlico Sound) and small waves. Hmmmmmm. The waves looked big from the bathhouse. And minutes after we arrived the fog rolled in, making it difficult to see the second break where we were supposed to surf. Very intimidating. (Janice)

The waves were big! I think I heard Tom say, "These are the biggest waves I've been in," or something like that as he came in! Not reassuring to us newbies. It was very difficult to get through the shore break but we persevered. I made it out with lots of help and it took three of us to get Sandy out but the laughing and slipping off the board interfered the most with her progress. I never caught a wave on the paddelboard

*Janice Emerling and Albert Pritchard*



but I am proud to say that I did stand up out there. I also discovered that body surfing is really fun in a wetsuit-you don't get cold, you don't get sand in your bathing suit, you don't have to pull up your bathing suit every time you stand up and you don't get scraped from the sand! (Ann)

Those of us on the beach took bets as to how long the SUPers would last out there. Warren gets the award for the "most determined." The fog kept rolling around near the shorebreak making it hard to tell who was who out there. However, we knew exactly who the cluster of smaller people struggling to break through the surf were! (Maureen)

After a few vain attempts to broach the surf with a 12-foot board, and knowing full well that I couldn't stand up on it in the swell if I ever did get thru the white water, I switched to the boogie board and had a great time :-). But, I must say, I was totally impressed watching Daphne, who stood up forever out there and chased a bunch of waves, not to mention Al, Tom, Dan and Warren, who seemed to be doing great things when we got a peek at them thru the fog. (Helen)

The waves were much bigger and more ferocious when I was in them than they looked from the shore. I thought I was never going to make it beyond the first surf break. With a lot of help from Ann, Daph-



*Helen VanGelder, Sandy Rollins, Ann Jackson, Janice Emerling, Daphne Lathouras and Maureen Pritchard*

ne and Janice I finally made it! I paddled out while kneeling on the board beyond the next set of waves. All I could think of was that I should have watched the "How to catch a wave on a sup" youtube videos that Daphne circulated and maybe just tried standing on the board in the calm waters of the sound to get my balance and find the sweet spot. Finally I tried standing up. After several falls into the water I got the feel for the board (somewhat). Each time a nice big wave came up from behind me I thought about trying to ride it, but I chickened out and laid back down on the board to keep from falling into the water. On my way back to shore I decided if I can't do it standing up I may as well try to ride a wave in while kneeling on the board. I was in the first break zone and saw a nice wave. I went for it and started paddling faster. Oh boy, I caught it, my adrenaline was pumping faster and I was actually getting a ride. Then I felt myself leaning to the left losing my balance and then - wipeout! Luckily by then I was back on the beach. SUP was a blast in the ocean and much harder than I expected. (Sandy)

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## FARKLE!

by Paul Kenyon

You can hear it echo down Weakfish Lane in the hours after midnight, even now, weeks after the players had left the high table at the house there called El Magnifico. There is at first, nothing, as you walk the dark street but the lapping of gentle waves against sea walls and the rustle of the wind through leaves, the honeysuckle-sweet scent on the night air, your footsteps tap, tapping. Then there it is, a low howl-like cry that rises above the clatter of something like dice tumbling across polished pine-board. And a murmur, a chant that is also an accounting. At a guess, it sounds a little like a cat bird: „Äufive; pair of fives; she has a one, two ones,Äù and the lecture’s conclusion; “Keep the five and roll again.” Then another clatter of what sounds like dice on wood - or cloth, this time it could be cloth. So you listen for more, uncertain from where this issues, or of the images that accompany it: the heads bent forward, the dim light over a long, narrow table in a vast room set high in an otherwise dark house on the lane along the canal. Fish (splashing) in the canal? you think, so you risk walking down the driveway that isn’t your driveway (but it’s late and you’ll not be seen so, go ahead) and you go to the water and peer in. A sliver moon reflects on the barely rippled canal but there is really, honestly, nothing there. You listen more closely. „Ohhhhh,” you hear or think you do. It is a sigh, maybe the wind again but, yes, there it is, something more, “Ohhhhh.” And from around the house a staccato burst of almost-syllables: “No, no, no. Ah, ah, Yes! She’s in. She’s in,“ And all is quiet again. You wait a bit but, nothing. So you return to the lane and continue on to the turn-around. It’s not far and there’s not much to see there. Some tall grasses looking steely in the faint moonlight-starlight their brassy tips nodding, nodding. At you. “Go back, go back,” they seem to say. So you stop to consult them and they nod gently and wave you back along the lane. “Listen,,” they seem to say. “Listennnnn,” drawing out the “n” as nodding grasses in moonlight will. “Listennnn, listennn, listennn, sshhhhhhh.” And, faintly, you hear it again; the laughter like harp strings pluck’t light as the air, colored and ephemeral, but there, and there, and again there.

At the driveway, a little sleepy now, having decided you’ve walked long enough, and, after all, the forecast is for 25 from the southwest in the morning (though sure there’s no sign of it now) - you pause again at the sweetly scented, ever-flowering bush at the house called El Magnifico. You just stop to smell the flowers one more time before going home. And suddenly the house fairly shakes with it. It flies out the windows, cascades from the o’er brimmed decks and pours down the steps. “Oh! Oh!” it cries. And “Roll! Roll! Roll!” almost a chanting. There’s a warning interlaced, “Never Trust A Pritchard!” (Did you actually hear that?) And at last, capping it all, one loud last gleeful burst: “Farkle! Farkle! Farrrrklillle - NO-THREE-PAIR!!!” And the laughter roars and rolls off down the canal, out past the last houses, then the island and far into Pamlico sound. And, somehow, you know their names: Joe and Maureen. And Ann and Sandy. And Charlie and Paul, and Daphne and Albert.



Bill Kostoff and Cheryl Capps

Jeff Forte, Marina Zalevsky , Brent from Ocean Air,  
Charlie Farrell and Ann Jackson

## BABA SUPer Women (and Men) continued

I felt incredibly intimidated standing on the board and watching the swell approach me before a wave formed - like the first time I went out in 25+ mph wind. I thought I would paddle into a wave several times, and several times found myself back in kneeling position breathing heavily and trying to get my chi in order for the next set. I had some success standing and paddling between the swells - balance is everything! And I got a start on a couple of waves only to go off the back of the board. I’ll be back in Avon in July for family time and hope to give it a try again. I’ll miss the exuberant support and encouragement from the BABA SUPer Women and Men - but perhaps will find easier wave conditions. Thanks to **Tom Whittemore** for instigating the BABA SUP outing. We’re looking forward to more. (Daphne)

*ed note: Exquisite corpse was a technique invented by the Surrealists in which players write in turn on a sheet of paper, fold it to conceal part of the writing, and then pass it to the next player for a further contribution*

Check out the SUPer Slide show at  
<http://tinyurl.com/2bqanaw>



Paul Kenyon

## Thank you for making the May trip another epic BABA adventure:

**Coby Ledyen** - trip coordinator extraordinaire who once again dodged a bullet on the May trip wind minimum guarantee; **Helen Van Gelder** - for handling all the \$\$\$; **The El Magnifico Gang** for hosting the Monday night party - **Albert & Maureen Pritchard, Tom & Joni Beckman, Paul Kenyon, Joe Wingard,** and BABA trip newbie **Charlie Farrell**; **Tom and Joni Beckman** for coordinating the BABA-Q; **Amber Kasbeer** for leading 3 houses through Let's Dish; **Al Marani** for the waffles; Thanks to everyone who pitched in at the BABA-Q: especially **Joe Wingard, Bill Van den Berg, Paul Kenyon, Clyde Kunst, Don Paxton, Nancy Wheaton, Dennis Bednar, Charlie Farrell and Dan Fenstermacher** (and this may be an incomplete list - sorry if we missed your name - we'll try to do better next time).



*photos clockwise from top: Janice Emerling practicing light wind freestyle; Shawn Higbee, Dan Fenstermacher (rear), Amanda Socaris-Smith, Alice Mascette & Coby Ledyen; Clyde Kunst; David Brown, Al Marani, Bob Catzen, Bill VanDenBerg and Warren Evans; Bob Roswell*



### BABA-Q

Another great trip to Hatteras at Avon! This was my third trip and 3rd year to be a member of BABA. I have enjoyed so many rewards since joining BABA. Coby does a great job organizing (and taking \$ too!). I had lots of help with the BBQ (I mean the BABA-Q). Those little moments of help from so many people add up to a great amount of progress in setting up and closing down the BABA-Q. By the way, Coby gets the credit for that new word "BABA-Q" Seems like every year has been different conditions at Avon. I enjoyed the variety of conditions because it encouraged me to get out and work on new skills for each condition set. And it's great to be around those water people again since most of the year I am in landlubber land in SW Pennsylvania. Love to smell those ocean breezes! I look forward again to next May, and also will enjoy being the BABAQue coordinator again. I am also trying to attend more BABA events. *Tom Beckman*



If you've been to Cape Hatteras in the last decade, you may remember Andy McKinney as the goofy looking red haired guy who was always behind the counter at Sailworld Hatteras. Over the winter of 2010, Sailworld's owner Brett decided to close his shop and move on to a more traditional lifestyle in the mid-west. This opened the door for Andy to set up his own brand new windsurfing shop, Wind-NC (<http://wind-nc.com>). The windsurf/sup/skate specialty shop shares a building with Village Video and Hatteras Island Board-sports, right in the middle of Avon.

Andy and his fiance Anne Kennedy are getting married this July, right on the beach in Hatteras. Anne is a first grade teacher at Cape Hatteras Elementary School in Buxton, so be sure to congratulate Andy (and Anne) twice next time you see them.

A new fixture at Wind NC is Ken Ahrendt, Andy's able assistant in the shop - you might know his uncle, BABA member Roger Fitzgerald, who taught him everything he knows about windsurfing.

*Bob Roswell and Bob Catzen*



*Tomaso Sargent caught some sweet waves in Rodanthe in June. Check out the dolphin just behind the wave in the lower picture!*

*Alice Mascette, Josh Sampiero - editor of Windsurfing Magazine and Warren Evans*

*Joe Wingard, David Brown and Gordon Wells*



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## S.U.P

The East of Maui Tuesday Night SUP Race Series and Clinic has been a huge success. We've been averaging about 10 people per race evenly split between the men and women. After four races, Mark McCulloh from Baltimore leads the men with a string of firsts, followed closely by Mike Dant of Severna Park. Mary Ewenson is leading the series on the women's side of things but has faced stiff competition on several of the nights. The races start at 6:45 at Chesapeake Ave, in the Eastport section of Annapolis. Charter boards are available for \$10 a night. Reservations must be made in advance. If you need a cure for the no wind summer blues, East of Maui is the leading authority on the fast growing sport of SUP. We carry boards from all of the leaders in the SUP market including Naish, Starboard, Jimmy Lewis, NSP, Surftech, Bic, Oxbow, JP, and C-4 Waterman.

In additions to the free clinics, East of Maui also offers SUP lessons, rentals, and tours.

## Windsurfing

We have been looking for a mid-price performance sail to complement the fine sails that we already carry from Aerotech, Ezzy, Naish, and Sailworks. We are happy to announce that we are now an authorized World Sails Dealer. The new 2010 World Sails line offer tweaked designs but the same design brief, "make the best sail possible for it's intended wind and water conditions". The 7.5m Blast once again was the most powerful sail in the magazine test. If you're in need of a 7.5m on any given beach, you're looking for power and you want to plane, period. The larger Blast sizes excel at getting you planing. The smaller Surges are fun, durable and rangy. The new World Sails should be available sometime in July.

We just received a new shipment of Fanatics last week, including the reasonably priced Shark 150.

Fall Swap: September, 26th  
 Open 7 days a week- all year long.

## 2010 BABA CALENDAR

**Sunday, August 22**  
 Baltimore County Sailing  
 Center Club Championships  
 see p 6 for more info

**September 11 & 12**  
 BABA 7 and 8 Races  
 East Coast Championships  
 Mayo Beach Park, Mayo, MD

**Sunday, September 19**  
 Baltimore County Sailing Ctr  
 Race Around the Island  
 see p 6 for more info

**Saturday, September 25**  
 WET Long Distance Race  
 Norfolk, VA  
 see p 7 for more info

**Sunday, September 26**  
 East of Maui Fall Swap  
 Annapolis, MD

**October 9 - 16**  
 Fall Hatteras Trip

**Sunday, October 31**  
 2010 Speed Quest Ends

**TBA**  
 BABA Racing Awards

### Need more information?

**BABA RACING:** contact Tom Sargent: 301/854-6442 or tom\_us919@hughes.net

**WET Events:** go to [www.sailwet.com](http://www.sailwet.com) for updates & contact info

**BABA Clinics:** contact Janice Emerling: 410/457-4001 or janiceemerling@verizon.net.

**Hatteras Trips:** Coby Leyden 703/969-1027 or cobysm3@msn.com (May)

Fred Thomas 410/692-5409 or fthomas@cms.hhs.gov (October)

**Speed Quest** - Roger Fitzgerald fitz@qis.net or Craig Heffner heffnha@verizon.net

Don't miss any last minute announcements - register for **More\_Downhaul**. Send an e-mail to [more\\_downhaul-subscribe@yahoogroups.com](mailto:more_downhaul-subscribe@yahoogroups.com) to get started. Directions & more information on BABA events - go to [www.windsurfbaba.org](http://www.windsurfbaba.org)

## Classifieds.... Classifieds.... Classifieds....

### For Sale:

**Locosys GT-11 GPS:** \$75, includes memory card, USB cable, and USB charger. This GPS uses a rechargeable lithium ion battery and includes a 1GB SD memory card, so you can store speed run data for a year or more, then easily read it out with a card reader on any computer. Perfect for BABA Speed Quest sailors!

**2008 5.9 KA Koyote sail:** \$240 OBO  
 This sail is in excellent condition and speed tested to 35 mph, the no-cam design is easy to rig on a 430 mast. Contact Roger Fitzgerald for more information: 410-374-0948, email: fitz@qis.net

### For Sale:

Classic Windsurfer, 1970's. Complete with all original parts, two sails ( one small ). Buyer pick up/ship. located near Annapolis. \$250.00. Carol cjmr29@verizon.net or 410-647-6339.

### For Sale:

North Prolight Boom. C 2.10-2.55m;  
 Neil Pryde RAF sail. Camdynamic 8.0;  
 Astro rock shortboard with skeg and footstraps. Above items never used.  
 Free mistral superlite board with mast approx 20yrs old.  
 I'm accepting best offer. Janice Sendak 410-472-9299; jbs@flash.net

### For Sale

2007 Sailworks 6.6 Hucker B condition  
 No holes, tears or repairs \$259.00.  
 1998 Mistral EquipeII XR Racing Course Board. 375cm x 66 cm x 258 lbs. with black racing centerboard, fin and universal. B+ condition. No hull repairs. \$659.00.  
 Tom Whittemore vikingsail@earthlink.net

### For Sale

BIC Veloce 310. Slalom/ free ride board, very good condition. 310 cm length, 63.5 cm width, 151 liters displacement, 10.5 kg. Orca fin, mast step. In NW Washington. \$300. Photo available. Email RWilbur@starpower.net




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