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Food for Thought

What do Tyra Banks and Abe Lincoln have in common? Both are unlikely to attend this year's **Mid Winter's Party hosted by Sherri and Mark Weinman on February 12**. Tyra will probably be in some tropical paradise but we can celebrate the 196th birthday of our 16th president while enjoying great food and great company and telling tales of that great session we had last fall. (See, you learned some history in this month's edition of BABANews)

Marc Rosen will be at it again on the Weinman's Weber Grill, cooking up some more Hot and Sweet Italian sausages, chicken fillets, and Portobello mushrooms. Additionally, there will be a

brisket (cow, not deer), a turkey breast, and a veggie lasagna warming in the oven. Our Commander and Chef (no misspelling there) wants you to volunteer.
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BABA Winter Party Saturday, February 12

6:30 pm

BABA FUN Raiser, 2005

(Where's the "D"? It's in the board)

by Marc Rosen

At last season's Race Awards and Pizza Eating Meeting, **Hal Ashman** announced that **Ultimate Watersports and East of Maui, Annapolis** are jointly giving away a brand new **HiFly** board to BABA as a gift for our 2005 sailing season. The chosen board is a HiFly MADD 165 (see http://www.hifly.com/03_boardline.html for specs- graphics will be different for the '05's) and it will be awarded to a BABA membership in a special drawing to be held at the **Ultimate Watersports/ BABA Family Fun Day** on August 06, 2005. **Hal and Marks Bandy and Saunders** want to show their appreciation to BABA for our years of patronage and to let us know that they want to do more to continue our relationship in the years ahead. Look for additional events and activities from these two businesses in the future.

The MADD 165 may replace your longboard as your first line of defense in the battle against those ever present Mid Atlantic Summer lulls. It's wide and floaty and carries huge sails easily. It is also well suited for smaller rigs when the wind picks up and novices will enjoy the balance this board offers. With a pair of weed fins, the MADD glides through Gunpowder kelp beds with ease.

The MADD 165 could be won by any BABA membership in good standing (dues paid, no outstanding arrest warrants, etc.) by participating in at least one of our scheduled local events this season which include 6 races, the **East of Maui** Swap meet, a beach cleanup, or showing up at Family Fun Day itself. There will be 10 opportunities to obtain tickets so if you participate in all, you'll have 10 chances to win. The first two events are

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Membership News

Beginning immediately, **please mail renewals and new memberships directly to Ann Jackson**. Her address is 124 Bay Park Way, Severna Park, MD 21146. She always appreciates any updated information about new e-mail addresses, telephone numbers, etc. Please let her know if you would like to be an electronic subscriber to the newsletter. This saves the club some postage and the pictures look great on-line!

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teer to bring in some side dishes, salads, and/or deserts. BABA will be providing most drinks but if you have some special home brew or a 6-pack (or two) from your favorite micro brewery, bring that along too.

Any videos from your past trips are welcome. See elsewhere in this edition for details and directions to Sherri and Mark's, and we hope we'll see you there on the 12th. (Was it Abe Lincoln who chopped down a cherry tree?)

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the **Almost April Fools Hot Dog Roast and Gear Demo at Rocky Point Park on April 2** and the **East of Maui Spring Swap Meet on April 10**. (A complete schedule of events will become available before the next BABANews is published and will also be published in the Mar/Apr issue of BABANews).

We are very appreciative of **Ultimate Watersports, East of Maui, and HiFly** for offering this board to help promote the fun that BABA plans to offer its members this summer.

*Ed Note: BABA Families are important to our club. However, to make this raffle equitable to all our members, only one chance will be awarded to each membership for each event attended. For example, if Steve, Sam and I all show up at the East of Maui Swap Meet on April 10, our family will be awarded **one** chance for the board drawing for our attendance, not 3. Like the man says, the more events you attend, the more chances you have to win the board.*



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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Racing News

2005 BABA Race Program

by Tom Sargent, Race Coordinator

The race committee has been feverishly planning the 2005 BABA race series. The theme? Less is more.

We may end up with a couple less races but we are enhancing the perks with hope of making each event more enjoyable and to entice you to come out and join us. We're talking about food and drinks at every race. How about a more diverse race format that includes gps speed runs, long distance racing and more, as well as course racing. We'll sail at Rocky Point, Mayo beach, the Gunpowder and somewhere in southern Maryland for an early fall extravaganza with Alan Bernau and the Southern Maryland Windsurfing Association. Heck, we're even going to have a campout at the Gunpowder in May.

I'm telling you, it looks like the best season yet. Have you been neglecting your windsurfing? Family pressures maybe. Here's your chance to change all that. Put our series schedule dates on your calendar now and put the same effort into making your windsurfing appointments as you would when you're in work mode. Bring your family, there's always a lot of babakids around to play with. You already know there is nothing like being out on the water -- so come on out and play!

Mid-Atlantic Series Racing 2005

by Mark Raginsky, MAS Coordinator

Planning for the 2005 Mid-Atlantic Series (MAS) has begun. Currently there are 5 regattas planned and we're looking for one more. Alan Bernau of the Southern Maryland Windsurf Club has agreed to hold a race this year. If you have never been to one of Alan's race events, the races are similar to BABA events but the after race parties have been legendary.

For those of you who have not participated in the MAS here is a brief history. Approximately ten years ago, Dave Kashy of Windsurfing Enthusiasts of Tidewater went to all of the clubs in the Mid-Atlantic region to develop a ranking system for the racers. Similar to sailing regattas each club ran the races and Dave kept the overall score and gave awards at the end of the year. These races tended to be two-day events, with a dinner/party Saturday night. The size of the MAS events allows all levels of racers to participate without being overwhelmed with 50 people on the starting line.

As many of you know, I have taken over the administration of the MAS this year. For this year my goal is to increase participation and increase the size of the novice / youth fleet. If you have any ideas or would like to help with the MAS please contact me at windz41@yahoo.com. In particular I am looking for a person to help promote the novice and youth classes.

BABA and MAS Race Schedule for 2005

April 22 - 24

WET/MAS Spring Regatta, Hampton, VA
part of the USWA National Tour

Saturday, April 30

BABA I - Gerry Brown Cancer Benefit
at Baltimore County Sailing Center
Rocky Point State Park, Essex, MD

Saturday, May 21, 2005

BABA II/MAS Race and Campout at Gunpowder State Park, Chase, MD

Sunday, May 22, 2005

BABA III/MAS Race
at Gunpowder State Park, Chase, MD

Saturday, June 11, 2005

Chester River Windsurfing Festival*
at Jackson Creek, Grasonville, MD

Sunday, June 12, 2005

BABA IV at Gunpowder State Park

Sunday, June 26, 2005

BABA V/MAS Race at Mayo Beach Park,
Mayo, MD

Saturday, July 16, 2005

BABA VI and Pizza Party at Gunpowder
State Park, Chase, MD

Saturday, September 10, 2005

Hart Miller Island Rounding*
Baltimore County Sailing Center
Rocky Point State Park, Essex, MD

TBD - late September/Early October

BABA VII & VIII & MAS Race
Somewhere in Southern Maryland

Sunday, October 2, 2005

BABA IX Season Finale
at Gunpowder State Park, Chase, MD

October 15 - 16

Hampton Roads Sailboard Classic/MAS
Hampton, VA

* events not scored as part of BABA or MAS season



Racing News

by Tom Sargent

They raised the flag for our fleet. A sudden flurry of activity commenced since that signal meant there were 15 minutes until the preparatory signal 3/4 mile or more from the beach. Dave, digging into his bag for a watch or something, exclaims "What's this?". We turn as he holds up a pair of black, Victoria's Secret, thong panties. But I'm getting ahead of myself.

The prep for the drive down to Cocoa Beach for the Mid-Winters has become routine for us. Work half a day on the day we leave, throw some summer clothes in a bag, and gear into the van. This year it was a no-brainer with one board, mast, boom, sail, the Prodigy One Design. Leave around 2 pm to head to Alan's Factory Outlet. Stop along the way to stock up on energy / caffeine drinks. At Alan's we finish loading the trailer and fashion a bed of sorts in the space behind the front seat of his pick-up with 2x4's and scraps of carpet padding, later it will feel like a queen.

We leave there at 5:30 pm to meet Dave at the economy lot of the Richmond airport. We used to meet at the K-mart in Emporia and he would leave his van in the parking lot, there. We always did wonder if it was going to be there when we got back a week later. The push is now on as we start the power drive mode to burn up highway miles as fast as possible, stopping only to take on and offload fluids. They would be done simultaneously and if you happened not to last until the gas tank was empty again, well, it was the Arizona tea bottle. Getting there is half the fun.

After squeaking through Jacksonville at daybreak, just ahead of the morning rush we pulled up to the IHOP in Cocoa Beach about 8:30 am ready for a stretch, a serious breakfast and a decent restroom.

Calema Midwinters

Just inside we are greeted by the Canadian team who frequent the Mid-Atlantic series events. Feeling much better after loading up on eggs and pancakes, we then headed over to Kelly Park, it was already getting hot.

Getting to the event a couple of days early allows one to stake out a piece of real estate, 20' x 40' tarp, to rig and store gear on, and circle the wagons (trailers) with your buds like the Canadians, Steve Meyer, Tom Caswell, Kurt Nagai and the Franck's who brought the WET contingent of John Contos and Adam Hamblett. We dubbed ourselves "The Other Team" as the real "The Team" was two doors down. Our "team" became more popular with the arrival of Libia Scheller, up from Miami, with aspirations to race in women's sport formula and Farrah Hall from southern Maryland who would sail in men's 7.5 longboard with her IMCO gear. Libia was putting together a kit of borrowed gear, drawing an impressive crowd of "helpers" rigging her sails and setting up boards.

The next day or so it kinda' looks like Christmas. The new production gear is just fresh off a container and trucks are arriving back-to-back unloading mountains of boxes. Cardboard and bubble wrap is everywhere as the elite hurry to get footstraps on their boards, numbers on the new sails, booms rigged up and so on. Maybe, they get some time to dial in the new gear before the racing starts. Or, if your delivery is late, maybe not. Nothing is more challenging than sailing a big race on new, untested gear.

"A" fleet racing started on Friday, which dawned bright and sunny with 10 - 15 knot southerlies forecast. At the skipper's meeting it was announced that the "black flag" rule would be in effect on all

starts to minimize over-early calls as there would be about 90 boards on the line at the formula start. Courses were set to split the formula and long board fleets to opposite sides of the Banana River. That was intended to avoid congestion of the fleets and worked for the most part. You would think that the pros could get the start down but there were so many general recalls that it ultimately affected the number of races that the rest of the fleets could get in.

Normally, one would start a puff-by-puff description of what happened on the race course but I don't remember much of that. What I do remember is the sheer number of windsurfers that show up from all over the globe to make this event the largest in the U.S. The organizers, Tinho and Susie Dornellas do an outstanding job staging three and a half days of racing, great food, parties and other activities that will keep you fully occupied. Do you want to meet some rock stars? Easy. For example, you could be chillin' in the hot tub drinking beers and talking story with Phil McGain, Kevin and Matt Pritchard. Or find yourself eating breakfast with Jimmy Diaz, Micah Buzianis and Antoine Albeau at the IHOP. Get to say hi to Dorota Stasewska or Diada Moreno. Somebody pass you or cut you off on the racecourse? Get revenge on the go-kart track and put 'em into the wall. Just way too much fun. For the middle of winter, even.

We may never know the circumstances that resulted in the panties being in Dave's bag, but one thing is for sure. There is a mid-winters coming up on March 4, 5 and 6 * and I don't want to miss it.

* www.calema.com

Petra Kanz
Windsurfing Clinics
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Clinic News

Learn To Windsurf Clinic 2005 HEAD'S UP!

by Janice Emerling,
Clinic Coordinator

BABA is planning to co-sponsor a learn to windsurf clinic with **Ultimate Watersports** early in June of 2005. Our clinic in 2004 was well attended in spite of dreary, cold weather, and a few who attended have been seen at the Gunpowder honing their skills since. Those who attended felt like it was a great learning opportunity, on good equipment for beginners, at an incredibly reasonable price. The next newsletter will have all the information; it would be great if you started to get your future windsurfing buddies excited about this great opportunity now.

Polar Bear Plunge

The Maryland State Police Polar Bear Plunge will take place on **Saturday, January 29 at Sandy Point Park** <http://www.somd.org/> Registration cost \$50 (donation).

Mark Raginsky and **Marc Rosen** plan to windsurf during the Plunge. Marc adds that he was assured that "All windsurfers are welcome to participate and may sail in their drysuits during the Plunge instead of plunging bare skinned."



Petra Kanz Clinics 2005

by Janice Emerling, Clinic Coordinator

Baltimore Area Boardsailing Association (BABA) is preparing to set up our Petra Kanz intermediate/advanced windsurfing clinics for 2005. This is a great chance for you to hone your windsurfing skills with a professional instructor and help choose what skills you want to work on by telling me which clinic you would prefer.

In order to best serve our members, I need your input so we can put together clinics that work for us. The only requirement is that you not be an absolute beginner. If you are not a BABA member, you'll pay a higher fee for the clinic, about \$220. Better that you should join BABA!

Please contact me with your input by February 15 so we can get clinics and dates set with Petra. Her schedule fills up quickly, so I'd like hear from you as soon as possible. I understand most of us don't know what we are doing tomorrow, let alone this summer, so this isn't a hard and fast commitment yet.

Petra Kanz is a world-renowned instructor and free style competitor. Her windsurfing (and life!) philosophy is based on technique, focus, finesse and the value of perseverance.

The clinics will be held at the Hammerman Area of Gunpowder State Park in late May, June or July. They last two full days- Saturday and Sunday. The cost is very reasonable, about \$176 for BABA members.

Instructions include review of sailing technique in a class setting, on a simulator and on the water. The small group size ensures one-on-one attention on the simulator and water. Participants bring their own equipment to the clinic, which allows for advice on equipment tuning, preferences, and purchases. Petra has some equipment for demos, such as sails, harnesses, e-z uphulls and other great stuff.

Saturday starts with a brief session when Petra familiarizes herself with the clinic members, abilities and goals. The day alternates class, simulator and on the water instruction. Sunday begins with a stretching session, a quick review and then onto new skills.

There are three types of clinics we can choose from.

Longboard: aimed at longboard sailors and racers seeking to upgrade their skills. These skills include mast track and daggerboard positioning, efficient tacking techniques, pivot jibes, high wind techniques, railing, downwind and close hauled sailing at speed, harness line setup, out-haul controls and more.

Beginning Freestyle Clinic: this clinic will help any windsurfer comfortable with basic skills to greatly improve their board and sail handling ability. Possible skills are: clew first and fin first beach/water starts and sailing, backwind sailing, helicopter tacks, body sail 360's, and light wind water starts. As she teaches, she demonstrates how these skills are actually part and parcel of everyday windsurfing maneuvers.

Intermediate shortboard/sailhandling clinic: the wind at the Gunpowder is notoriously unpredictable – so the content would depend on what the weather provides.

Light wind – uphaul, luffing drills, nose sinking drills, shortboard tacks, and pivot jibes; for more advanced sailors, she would incorporate above freestyle skills.

High wind: water starts, planing tack, planing step jibe, duck jibe and more if there is time or ability.

Please email me at jemerling@earthlink.net or call 410-457-4001 or write me at Janice Emerling, PO Box 5872 Darlington, MD 21034. I would be most appreciative of your input.



Hatteras Update

By Fred Thomas and Bill Anderson



The month is your call! This is no April Fool's Prank!

When is it? The 2005 BABA Spring trips to the Outer Banks for this year should have something for everyone. Due to popular demand, we have expanded our spring trip into two dates:

April 2 - 9 AND May 7 - 14

And don't forget the fall trip, October, 8 - 15, which we will start soliciting for after the Spring trips.

The April trip is more suited to the windsurfing junky, those who prefer those big spring winds and do not mind the cooler weather earlier in the season. For those who like it warmer, and will settle for a little less wind, the May trip is for you! For the April trip, we will rent North Wind, a very large house on the Sound that has been a BABA favorite for years. If more interest, we will rent other Soundfront houses. For May, we have rented Island Dawn, Island Storm, and Island Thunder, the same houses that

we rent in October. These houses have tremendous launch sites, great storage, are directly on the Sound, and are very spacious and full of amenities.

How much will it cost? We are happy to announce that the cost of both trips for BABA members has been reduced by \$35 from our earlier solicitation due to favorable economics gained from previous trips. This April Fool's offer is not subject to being repeated and is available only to members in good standing. The prices for the week are as follows:

Private king and queen sized room, most with private baths, will be \$390 with the April Fool's discount (instead of \$425 mentioned in the last newsletter).

The price for a shared room, two per room or a semi private den room, is \$190 with the April Fool's discount.

How do I sign on? For those who already sent in their check for the April trip, please email Bill Anderson wilmeaux@verizon.net your trip date preference. If you are a member in good standing, we will give you a credit (on the next BABA trip) or refund the \$35.

If you haven't signed up, there still is time! But with only 3 houses available in May, space will fill up quickly, so don't delay. Email Bill your intentions today, and send him your check made payable to BABA and the registration form:

Reservation Form: April/May 2005

Name _____

Email _____

I want to reserve my share of the wind and fun with BABA in Avon,

April 2 - 9, 2005:

May 7 - 14, 2005

Queen/private room @ ~~\$425~~ \$390, most with private bath

Shared room @ ~~\$225~~ \$190

Name of person sharing room (for private room election only); _____

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Cancellation policy: No change from previous trips: With notification of at least 2 months before a trip, BABA will provide a 100% refund of any monies. After that date, refunds are made as demand merits. The potential change in trip dates and special refund policy is discussed above. In the 10 BABA organized trips to Avon since 2000, everyone who gave adequate notice had their choice of a future trip credit or a refund.

Signature

Date

PAYMENT:

Make your check out to BABA and send by February 25, 2005 to: Bill Anderson, 1084 Poplar Tree Drive, Annapolis, MD 21401
E-mail: wilmeaux@verizon.net

Gale Force Sailing at Rocky Point

by Roger Fitzgerald

December 1, 2004 had an excellent forecast that kept building as the day approached, West to Northwest winds of 30 to 45 MPH with gusts to 55! This was combined with sunshine and 50 degree temperatures to give us Gorge-like conditions at Rocky Point. Several sailors converged at RP starting at 10:00 AM, including Fred Hylla, Tom Hollowell, Linda & Paul Grande, Sandy Rollins, Mike Dzaman, Mark Weinman, and a few others.

The water had the 'liquid smoke' feature where the top is blown to a mist that rises three or four feet above the surface—quite intimidating to watch from the shore, and incredibly powerful on the water. Fred got things started with his 3.2 and a 70 liter board. Fred's initial run through the teeth of a 45-50 mph gust led him to return to shore to FLATTEN his 3.2! Quite a day when a 190 pound big wind specialist is flattening out a 3.2. He sailed right through the strongest gusts and had some good rides until some of the "holes" (where a hole means 35 mph rather than 45) caused him to switch to a 3.7. Tom Hollowell sailed off and on all day on his 4.2 and got the most time on the water with just one sail. I started on Sandy's 3.6 which she kindly rigged for me. After sailing this across the mile wide river and back at high speed I felt that I could handle something bigger so I decided to rig my 4.5. This gave me some rides but it was too big for most of the day, especially when combined with my 86 liter Pro-Tech board which felt huge in these winds.

Mark Weinman brought a small board and sailed his 4.7 for quite a while, then switched to his 4.0 and got lots of air time and controlled jibes while making it all look routine. Mike Dzaman had lots of water time on his 4.0 when he arrived after noon. He said that using the 4.0 rather than



(l-r) Fred Hylla, Gordon Palmer, Mike Dzaman

his 4.5 allowed him to sail more aggressively instead of just surviving the gusts. Linda and Paul Grande split time on their 3.5 with Paul trying his 4.8 with varying degrees of success ranging from hanging on to being hammered. The 4.0 and 70 liter Gorge gear was definitely the call for me this December day. Sandy had an incident where her 3.6 and 80 liter board were ripped from her grasp and flipped over her head onto some rocks. Her board had a few dings but fortunately there were no personal injuries. This day qualifies as the windiest of the year at Rocky Point, I'm looking forward to more of the 25-35 mph days in 2005 that will work for my 5.0. While it's uncharacteristic for Baltimore area sailors to do anything but call

for more wind, this was a day where 10 mph less would have led to more water time for most.



Roger Fitzgerald



Mark Weinman

BABA in Margarita? (the island, not the drink!)

by Rich Knox

Anyone thinking about going to Margarita would find me there **April 23rd until May 7th**. If anyone is interested in joining me give me a shout at hardknoxrb@cs.com or 443-463-1169. The more the merrier but I am going to go either way.

I booked the Casa Rita through Vela. It's supposed to be ocean view and a short walk to the sailing. They have 70 - 2005 JP Boards and 2005 Neil Pryde Sails (don't know how many). Coming up with about \$1500 for air, single room (breakfast included), and equipment for 14 days. Looks like you have to spend the whole day flying but if you can get to Caracas by 2:30pm you can catch a shuttle at 3:30 and arrive in Margarita by 4:15pm. If not you're stuck till the next morning. Side trips available to Coche and Los Roques for a change of sailing scenery. There are other rentals on the island but I dealt with Vela before and got good service.

If I get waylaid in Caracas send lawyers, guns, and money!

UPHAULING AT ARENAL



by Helen Van Gelder

Hotshot windsurfers will note the irony: Lake Arenal in Costa Rica is a windsurfing site where the winds are typically 30+. Hardly a setting for sailors without a good waterstart. However, intrepid uphauler that I am, I hired a 4-wheel-drive vehicle (turned out to be a vintage '95 Suzuki Sidewinder, about which the less said the better) and bounced my way along the road from San Jose to Lake Arenal – probably 75 miles as the crow flies, but a good 6 hour drive and at least three times the mileage if you count swerving from one



Helen with Peter Hopley and a member of his staff readying board

side of the road to the other to avoid potholes. Anyway, I went the long way around the lake, hoping to get an up-close look at the Arenal volcano, rumored to be still active. Unfortunately, nothing but clouds were visible, and I later understood this to be typical. We stopped overnight and

then continued our journey the next day. The pitted road winds forever through mountainous country around the top of the lake, with unmarked intersections often leading you off the track and into small towns where the folks were always happy to provide confusing directions to the next crossroads. Finally, a tiny sign identified the turnoff from the “main” road to Tico Wind, the windsurfing site. It appeared to be a couple of tire tracks into the jungle. My friend Sonya and I hesitated, and then finally took the dare and drove the Sidewinder into the narrow pathway, hoping against hope that at some point we’d find a turnaround and wouldn’t have to back up the whole way to exit. It was a long trail, but just before we reached despair it opened up to a large green area with

several small buildings and a shed full of windsurfing equipment! We were home!

An amazing number of other vehicles had preceded us to the site, where there was ample parking (and turnaround) under the trees. And there was Peter Hopley, TicoWind owner, whom I’d read about in previous BABA News stories by Mark Weinman and Bill Burke! Friendly folks from various countries and milieus lounged on the grassy beach. It was a beautiful, mild day, blowing only about 20 knots, water and wind in the upper 70’s, and so I ventured forth on Peter’s learning board (208 liters) and a 4-meter sail. The launch was difficult. Clambering over slippery rocks into deep water while trying to hold onto the rig was challenging. Getting the sail uphauled before the side-onshore wind dashed me into the rocks was tricky, and required a little fending-off assistance from staff members. I was fearful of venturing out too far and getting blown downwind to another section of the lake, so tried to stay close to shore, but tacking was difficult in the chop. Finally I straightened out and let it go, straight towards the volcano at the other end of the lake, and it was just glorious!

Still, sooner or later I kept having to turn. My tacks remained problematic, and uphauling was very tiring, so I decided to take a lesson from Peter on waterstarts. I’m a bit chagrined to admit that this is the 3rd waterstart lesson I’ve taken, still without actually conquering the beast. This one

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Helen sailing with Volcano Arenal in the background

Classifieds... Classifieds... Classifieds....

For Sale:

2004 EZZY WAVE SEs (All in great condition)
 3.7 - \$325; 4.7 - \$340; 6.3 - \$370
 2004 EZZY INFINITIES (in good to great condition)
 5.3 - \$355; 5.7 - \$360; 7.5 - \$360; 8.5 - \$380; 9.5 - \$385; 10.5 - \$390
 2004 Chinook booms
 Carbon Big Wave (152-198) \$315
 Aluminum Slalom (129-191) \$110
 Aluminum Course (182-244) \$110
 2004 HiFly Move 105 Great Condition, two fins \$700
 HiFly MADDs 165 or 135 (2 weeds, 2 pointers) \$1000 each
 HiFly MADD 115 (2 weeds, 2 pointers) \$1100
 Marc Rosen 410-374-1230 or duckbite@qis.net

For Sale:

Neilpryde RS3 12.5 Good condition \$250
 Neilpryde RS3 11.0 Well seasoned \$100
 Logoz Slalom board 98 liters \$200
 Tom Caswell; Sancaz@bellatlantic.net, 410 956 4725

Wanted:

Give me your tired, your poor, Your huddled longboards...
 Junker boards wanted. Must be floaters. Preferred free, or very, very cheap. Needed for scienTerrific experiments to be unveiled in the Spring.
 Marc 410-374-1230 or duckbite@qis.net

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was different from the others. For one thing, it was all done in deep water, with Peter on a jet ski circling me and giving directions. And the accent was not on lifting onto the board, but rather on flying the sail. Peter's students sail in high winds with small boards, mostly under 100 liters. Once the sail is flying it seemed fairly easy for them to turn the board around if it was not headed in the right direction. So I learned how to position the mast across the wind, lie on my back, and jerk the sail over my head into the wind hard enough to clear the clew. I don't think this would work too well with a large sail, but it was not too difficult with the 4.0. Keeping the sail flying took some hearty kicking, and bringing the board into position then challenged my sense of wind direction, but I felt, just before I totally ran out of energy, that I was very close to conquering the task.

Friend Sonya, a non-windsurfer, relaxed on the beach where I joined her for a while. We had a delightful hot lunch provided by the small concession stand, and we chatted with the other visitors, windsurfers from far and near. (The next day we were both covered with bug bites that we never felt happening, and we itched for days afterwards, the culprits still a mystery.) I got

tips on other windsurfing sites (Peter runs the windsurf station in Jericoacoara, Brazil in the summer that Mark Weinman and Steve Cohen visited in 2003) and an offer to buy a 2-bedroom house on the lake for \$80,000 which was tempting but which I passed by for the time being, although the resemblance of this place to the paradise of my dreams is rather striking.

We stayed at a delightful bed-and-breakfast overlooking the lake, and the following morning, with much reluctance on my part, bid adieu to Lake Arenal to continue our exploration of Costa Rica. This was really only a reconnaissance trip to the windsurfing site for a longer visit Bill Anderson and I are planning for the future. Next time, of course, I don't expect to be uphauling!



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2005 BABA CALENDAR

Saturday, February 12

BABA Winter Party
at the home of
Mark & Sherri Weinman
Towson, MD
contact Marc Rosen

March 4 - 6

Calema Midwinters
Merritt Island, Florida
www.calema.com

Saturday, April 2

Almost April Fools Wave Bash and
Hot Dog Roast Gear Demo
Starts at 10AM - Free for all
Rocky Point State Park
contact Marc Rosen

April 2 - 9

BABA Early Spring Hatteras Trip*
contact Bill Anderson

Sunday, April 10

East of Maui Swap Meet
Annapolis, MD

April 22 - 24

WET/MAS Spring Regatta
Hampton, VA

Saturday, April 30

BABA I
Gerry Brown Cancer Benefit
at Baltimore County Sailing Center
Rocky Point State Park, Essex, MD

May 7 - 14

BABA Late Spring Hatteras Trip*
contact Bill Anderson

Saturday, May 21

BABA II/Mid Atlantic Series Race
and Campout
at Gunpowder State Park, Chase, MD

Sunday, May 22

BABA III/Mid Atlantic Series Race
at Gunpowder State Park, Chase, MD

Saturday, June 11

Chester River Windsurfing Festival
at Jackson Creek, Grasonville, MD
contact Stuart Gray
annapoliswind@aol.com

Sunday, June 12

BABA IV at Gunpowder State Park,
Chase, MD

Sunday, June 26

BABA V/MAS Race at Mayo Beach
Park, Mayo, MD

Saturday, July 16

BABA VI and Pizza Party
Gunpowder State Park, Chase, MD

Saturday, August 6

BABA Family Fun Day
and HiFly Board Drawing
sponsored by Ultimate Watersports
and East of Maui
Gunpowder State Park, Chase, MD

Saturday, September 10

Hart Miller Island Rounding
Baltimore County Sailing Center
Rocky Point State Park, Essex, MD
contact Tom Sargent

TBD - late September/Early October

BABA VII & VIII &
Mid Atlantic Series Race
Somewhere in Southern Maryland
contact Alan Bernau
abus111@crosslink.net

Sunday, October 2

BABA IX Season Finale
at Gunpowder State Park, Chase, MD

October 8 - 15

BABA Fall Hatteras Trip
contact Bill Anderson

October 15 - 16

Hampton Roads Sailboard Classic/
Mid-Atlantic Series Race
Hampton, VA

TBA - dates for BABA Learn To Wind-
surf Clinic and Petra Kanz Clinics

* BABA is organizing 2 spring trips to
Hatteras for 2005

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WET Events: go to www.sailwet.com for updates & contact info

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