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BABA's Winter Bash

by Daphne Lathouras

The mild February weather (yes, it was 10 degrees warmer on Feb 12 than it was today, March 10!) brought out a big showing of BABA members and friends who enjoyed the gourmet delights that have been a hallmark of this event from the beginning. The guests got a first hand look at the house renovations that **Mark, Sherri, Rachel, Kyle and Sophie Weinman** endured last year. The party was in the kitchen

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from left: Linda Grande, Randy Rainey, Darsie Remeikis, Steve Cohen, Paul Cudone



Mark Weinman

Membership Privileges Have Their Price

By Fred Thomas, Treasurer

It's time to support our club for the 2005-2006 fiscal year. Dues are only \$20. That's less than the price of a subscription to Windsurfing magazine (well not the free subscriptions that many members win at our races). We've never increased our basic membership rates, just increased the fun. Our dues cover the cost of printing and mailing this newsletter, general administrative expenses, advocacy, U.S. Windsurfing Association dues, etc. A new privilege this year is the opportunity for 2005/06 BABA members to earn chances to win a HiFly MADD 165. See the story on this page for details on how to participate in the drawing.

How do I pay? Here are the steps: 1) Get an envelope and place a first class stamp on right hand corner 2) Address envelope to: Ann Jackson, 124 Bay Park Way, Severna Park, MD 21146 3) Get your checkbook out and write a check for \$20 made out to BABA. 4) Complete and sign the membership form found on p19 of this newsletter. 5) Insert check and form in envelope and mail. For those new members who paid after the fall sailing season, you're paid up for this year.

Put Your Head Back, Here Comes the Drill

The **Ultimate Watersports / East of Maui - Hifly MADD Board** giveaway will be held on August 6 at Ultimate Watersports beach concession during BABA's Family Fun Day. The board will be awarded to a lucky BABA member whose raffle ticket is drawn from the tumbler. The concept is simple; show up at a BABA event and sign the Board Raffle registration list and you will receive a chance to win the board. You'll get a chance for each event that you participate in. (Participation means just showing up. If you decide not to race or sail, no big deal. At least we got you to the beach. But you have to show up to sign the list - straw man registrations are frowned upon.)

We want to get as many members out to the beach when we have a race or an event though we realize that course racing is not everyone's idea of a good time; that is why we are trying to organize additional enticements to have you show up. If we get enough participants- and the appropriate sponsors- we may be able to have GPS speed trials on race days too. Additionally, other ideas are being discussed 24/7 (That's 24 seconds here, 7 minutes there.....)

(NOT FINE PRINT, but read this anyway; To make this drawing as fair as possible, only one raffle ticket per family membership will be awarded for attendance at each event. This way a family of 4 will not have any more chance to win than our single members)

THE FINE PRINT - "Member in Good Standing" means that your 2005/06 dues are paid on or before the event you are attending in order to receive a raffle ticket for the board give-away. There are two exceptions - the East of Maui Swap, and the April Fools

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Gear Demo are "on the house," as long as you renew your membership by the next event you show up for OR by the July 16, 2005 Pizza Party, which ever comes first. Here's an example - if you come to the Gerry Brown race on April 30, you must have already renewed your dues for 2005/06 or pay your renewal at the registration table in order to receive a raffle ticket. But hey, make it easy on all of the volunteers who help keep this club together and send your membership renewal to Ann Jackson today.

Here is the schedule for all "ticket eligible" events:

1. Almost April Fools Wave Jumping Contest and Hot Dog Roast at Rocky Point Park - April 2
2. East of Maui Swap Meet - April 10 (410-573-WIND for info)
3. BABA I, Gerry Brown Memorial Windsurf Race/Cancer Research Fund Raiser -Rocky Point Park - April 30
4. BABA II / MAS - Gunpowder Falls state Park - May 21
5. BABA III /MAS - Gunpowder Falls state Park - May 22
6. BABA IV Gunpowder - June 12
7. BABA V / MAS Mayo Beach Park - June 26
8. BABA VI PIZZA PARTY - Gunpowder - July 16
9. Ultimate Watersports BABA Family Fun Day Gunpowder-August 6

(An additional day may be added. Tentatively an East of Maui Demo Day at the Gunpowder - May 15)

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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.

For Membership information contact

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or any member of the BABA Steering Committee.

Membership and other club information is also available online at
www.windsurfbaba.org

Racing News

10th Annual Gerry Brown Memorial Race Saturday, April 30 - Rocky Point State Park

by Marc Rosen USW41187

I think Gerry Brown would be proud of what is going on now. There is a strong core of sailors who get together for course racing in this area and the inclusion of a new class for this season- Formula- would bring a smile to his face. No, I never met Gerry but I know of him through the words of others. Gerry was instrumental in getting longboard racing started in the Upper Chesapeake area. His efforts have paid off - as is evident by BABA's continued success in holding a race series each year that draws sailors from several neighboring states.

BABA began honoring Gerry a few years after he succumbed to colon cancer by holding a race in his name. This year marks the 10th Annual Gerry Brown Windsurf Race and it is the fifth year that BABA has promoted this race as a fundraiser to aid cancer research at Sidney Kimmel Comprehensive Cancer Center at Johns Hopkins. So far, BABA racers and their sponsors have donated more than four thousand dollars to Hopkins researchers and your efforts are greatly appreciated.

As in years before, The New England Windsurfing Journal is donating advertising space to promote this event and will be awarding NEWJ t-shirts to all first place. This year's race will be held on April 30 at Rocky Point Park, in Essex, MD. Whether you race or not, show up and have a great time sailing or picnicing. Entry fee is \$10 (donation) and all of the proceeds go to the charity. If you want to recruit sponsors for the event a pledge form is on page 17.

Ed Note: This event is MADD board raffle eligible to members in good standing

WET Spring Regatta April 22-24, 2005

The Windsurfing Enthusiasts of Tidewater (WET) will be hosting their 15th annual WET Spring Regatta in Hampton Roads, Virginia. The event site is the waterfront at The Days Inn Marina Motel at Willoughby in Norfolk, see http://www.windvisions.com/days_inn.html for details. A block of rooms has been reserved at \$59/night. April is one of the windiest times of the year. In late April the winds are a mix of frontal and thermal and can range from light to 30 plus. Water temperatures are about 55F at this time of year so wetsuits are recommended. Formula class racing will begin on Friday and Open, Sport, and Novice will begin Saturday.

For Notice of Race see www.sailwet.com and hit the Race tab
 For more information contact Dave Kashy 757-988-1978

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

BABA Family Dominates Calema Midwinters

Cady Sargent and her father Tom Sargent won their respective classes at the 20th Annual Calema Midwinters at Merritt Island Florida on March 3 - 6. Tom took first in the Sport Formula Masters and Cady took first in the WonderKids. This could be the first ever father/daughter win at Calema in it's 20 year history.

More than 165 competitors were on hand for beautiful weather and good breeze Friday, and light winds the next two days. There was great racing for A and Pro fleets, and very exciting Team racing with some of the worlds best windsurfers teamed up with young kids. This was the largest turnout of Juniors ever at the Midwinters, even if most of the Bonaire juniors did not show up due to school conflicts.



Cady Sargent accepts her award from Nevin Sayre while Antoine Albeau looks on

The Calema Midwinters is the largest windsurfing

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Cady's First Midwinters

Hi Cady, My name is Dave Kashy, I understand that this was your first MW. When did you decide to go?

Cady: When I heard my dad talking about it. Before Christmas.

Dave: This wasn't spring break was it? How did you get time off school?

Cady: My dad let me skip 5 days.

Dave: You've got a pretty cool dad! And your mom said ok?

Cady: She was not thrilled, but, and she almost did not let me come when she found out I had 2 big tests soon after I return.

Dave: What about your sister? Was she jealous?

Cady: Yeah, She wanted to come, but she came home with her boy friend and they went to his folks place. Then she totaled my dads jeep.

Dave: So its Tuesday and your ready to go. Tell me a bit about day 1- The drive down.

Cady: Oh Boy, that was tons of fun. Eveyone was so excited, each of us only got 4 hours of sleep, except Tom Caswell, he only got 3minutes.

Dave: What did you drive?

C: We rented the largest motor home that Cruise America had. We towed a heavy trailer full to the top with windsurfing gear.

D: When did you get to Cocoa Beach?

C: About 12:00 on Wednesday

D: Did you get to sail Wednesday?

C: Yeah, for a while.

D: Tell me about it.

C: I used a 3.7 on dads prodigy. The wind was not too windy, but I cruised around.

D: So when the event started, what was it like having so many kids sailing?

C: It was the biggest amount of kids sailing I've ever seen, it was cool and they were really good.

D: Did you see the kids from Bonaire?

C: They were incredible, the best I've ever seen, I want to get better than them.

D: To get that good takes lots of time on the water. Think you can convince dad to get you lots of time on the water?

C: Oh yeah, he's always up to go!

D: Did you try any freestyle?

C: Yeah, Solvig (Sayre), Nevins daughter, taught me some tricks.

D: Do you know the names?
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BABA/MAS Racers Results for the Calema Midwinters

WonderKids

Cady Sargent - 1st

Sport Formula Masters

Tom Sargent - 1st

John Quinn - 2nd

A Formula Master 35-49

Dave Kashy - 3rd

Kurt Nagai - 6th

Tom Caswell - 10th

Alan Bernau - 13th

John Groesbeck - 20th

A Formula Women

Farrah Hall - 3rd

A Formula Youth

Matt Ramsay - 6th

Prodigy

Al Simmons - 1st

Susan Simmons - 6th

Petra Kanz
Windsurfing Clinics
 2005



Racing News

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event in the US. Congratulations to Tom and Cady and to all the other BABA/Mid-Atlantic Competitors (see side bar on page 4 for details). And kudos to Tinho and Susie Dornellas and the organizing committee for another successful Midwinters.

For more results and pictures go to www.calema.com

ed note: Rumor has it that the BABA Women are gearing up and honing their skills and will join Cady to dominate the Midwinters in 2006. Stay tuned to BABANews for more information.

Interview with Cady continued from p4

C: Fin first and another trick that can follow it, but I cant remember the name.

D: You did lots of racing too. How many races?

C: We raced with the pros and there were races we did today, like 5.

D: With professional windsurfers. Neat. Who were you pair up with?

C: Mike Gebhardt. He was really nice. He taught me a bunch of stuff. Like how to sail down wind faster, and how to hold the sail so I could go upwind better.

D: So did his coaching help you in the final day of the event?

C: Yeah It helped me win two of the races.

D: So how did you place in your fleet?

C: I came in first in the wonder kids division.

D: Congratulations! What was the thing you'll remember most about this event?

C: The sun and the sailing! And all the different people I got to meet.

D: What else do you want to say?

C: I learned a lot and I'm definitely coming back next year.

D: Thanks for your time. See you on the water!



*Top to Bottom:
Tom Kern, Yuri Taguti and Dave Kashy (Formula A Masters);
Antoine Albeau congratulates Tom Sargent;
Cady Sargent meets Micheal "Gebi" Gebhardt;
Cady Sargent;
The RV.*



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Racing News

Formula Wind-Surfing Basics

By Dave Kashy ,VA9

So you think you might want to try a new windsurf racing format? The hottest format at present is Formula 31 racing. By design it's a class that provides an adrenaline rush as soon the wind hits 10mph. Before white caps appear on the water a formula board can be planning at speeds over 20mph. The class rules are quite simple.

One class legal - registered formula board, which is over 8kg and less than 100.5cm wide

Three sails – Maximum is 12.5 for men 11.0 for women

Fin depth 70 cm max.

Don't be too concerned with the large sail sizes. The equipment and the class is designed for going fast, and most people don't choose sail sizes bigger than 11.0 and many women use 9.8 as there biggest. At the 2005 mid winters, even a 190lb world cup pro used a 9.8 in every race against others who were using 12.5's and he won one race and would have one another except being over early at the start. So while size does mater in some things giant sails are not a necessity in this game.

There are two basic ways to get into Formula. If you want to have the best stuff, the latest and greatest, and have ~ \$10 grand you can go to the local shop and have them order you a complete kit. If you want to check it out and see if it's for you, you can go to a demo or a regatta and see if someone will lend you their kit. Then you can see if you can buy used. Just like other windsurfing gear this is not a money making investment. It's buy high and sell low. On the chart below is a rough estimate of prices of gear

	Cost new	1 year old	2 years old	3+ years old
Board	1200-1800	700-1100	400-800	300-500
Sail ~ 11 sq m	900	500	300	100
Carbon mast	900	500	300	200
Carbon boom	800	500	400	200
Fin	300	200	100	100

So from the table above you can see that you should be able to get a Formula board and one complete rig for about \$1000. With a roll of clear packing tape and some luck you will get 1 or two seasons from your sail. Most monofilm sails completely disintegrate after about 5 years. The boom could last many years and the mast may last a day or 3 years. These very long masts are under quite extreme load conditions and can go at any time. The board will probably last a long time if you treat it well.

Choosing your gear is a personal thing. You might have favorite manufactures, or shops that deal in certain gear. These can be the best resource. They might have some demo equipment available, and some knowledge about what gear works best in your area. You can also go to a race and just check out the gear on the beach and ask the racers what they like or don't like about their stuff. When I look at the results and the equipment at the races, what I see is that all the gear being made now and even 2 or 3 years old can be very competitive.

Formula windsurfing is all about getting the most out of the gear you have. The idea of 1 board and 3 sails seems simple enough. The trick is learning to set it up properly for optimum performance. To set up your formula gear requires time on the water and willingness and energy to experiment with the variables. I suggest that you start by rigging the sail on the recommended mast, at the settings specified. If the sail has a very loose leach from about the second batten above the boom then you are probably getting close. You may see the mono film getting loose 2/3 of the way from the leach to mast between the first and third battens at the head of the sail. So let's say the sail is right!

Your board is just a board. Set your foot straps in an outboard setting, the back one should probably in the back or middle position, the space between them is your preference but don't forget this is a variable you will need to revisit.

Your fin again is what it is until you have learned to set up other things. When you learn to sail your gear you may want to see what different fins can do for you. There are a lot of things one can play with in fins, and there can be large performance differences between fins. Some people use shorter ones like 58cm some people only use 70cm. There are different models, stiffness' and rake angles. But let's say that for now we learn to sail what we have.

So the basic things to adjust are mast foot location and boom height. The reason formula boards can go so fast in light winds is that they can be very efficient. An efficient planning hull has a short length in contact with the water. For a formula board this means that the back 1 to 2 feet of the hull are about all that is continuously in contact with the water. The rest of the hull is just to connect

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Clinic News

BABA Sponsoring Petra Kanz and Learn to Windsurf Clinics for 2005

by Janice Emerling,
Clinic Coordinator

Baltimore Area Boardsailing Association (BABA) is pleased to announce the schedule for Petra Kanz intermediate/advanced windsurfing clinics for 2005. This is a great chance for you to hone your windsurfing skills with a professional instructor.

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. I can personally testify as to the value of her clinics. I windsurfed badly for many years- took two Petra clinics- and at the ABK clinic in Bonaire this year Andy Brandt, commenting on my sail flip and shortboard tack, said that "Petra had taught me well."

The clinics are held at the Hammerman Area of Gunpowder State Park. The clinics are two full days- Saturday and Sunday. The cost is very reasonable, \$180 for BABA members. If you are not a BABA member, you'll pay a higher fee for the clinic, \$220. All the more reason to join BABA. The only requirement is that you not be an absolute beginner.

Petra Longboard clinic July 9- 10

To all of our racers looking to win in 2005, and those longboarders who want to improve their skills and look totally cool on the water, this is your big chance. Here, in the middle of your race schedule/summer sailing season, we are offering a clinic. You'll have had time to get the rust out and have the second half of the season to hone the skills you'll learn at this clinic.

BABA Women Getting Ready for Calema Midwinters 2006.....

Some of the intrepid women of

BABA are planning to challenge themselves to improve by racing at the Calema Midwinters in 2006. We were thinking,



Petra Kanz.

even before any alcohol was consumed, that with enough warning we could try really hard and not disgrace ourselves. Or at least plan our days off so we can be in Florida at the right time. Details are yet to be addressed. But I think going to the Petra longboard clinic might be a good thing. Consider it, please.

Note: if the men in the lives of BABA women ask nicely, we'll consider taking them to the Midwinters as well!

Petra Freestyle Clinic August 13 -14

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

All clinics include review of sailing

technique in a class setting, on a simulator, and on the water. Small group size ensures one-on-one attention on the simulator and on the 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 work, and on the water instruction. Sunday begins with a stretching session, a quick review and then onto new skills.

Learn to Windsurf Sunday June 5th

BABA and Ultimate Watersports are pleased to announce that we will have a learn to windsurf clinic on June 5th. For an extremely low cost of \$22 your friends and loved ones can get a great introduction to windsurfing. Participants must be over 18, and should be able to swim and be reasonably fit. Equipment rental is included.

THIS IS YOUR BIG BREAK!
YOUR CHANCE TO RESERVE YOUR PLACE IN SOME REALLY NEAT CLINICS. Call Janice at 410-457-4001, email me at jemerling@earthlink.net or write me at Janice Emerling, PO Box 5872, Darlington, MD 21034. Make your call now.

Petra teaching a clinic at the Gunpowder



It's Time to Sign for the May 2005 trip!

By Fred Thomas & Bill Anderson



**We now have Three trips in 2005:
Spring: April 2 - 9 & May 7-14
And in for the Fall, October 8 -15**

We are now the largest group visiting the Cape, and when we come, it's BABA week in Avon. The houses that we rent are the newest in Avon, are very spacious, have hot tubs, great launch site on the Pamlico Sound, just out the back doors, nice grassy rigging areas with ample room for all that equipment, secure in-door equipment storage rooms, and nice gathering areas. In April, the air temperature will be in the low 60s, while the water will be in the 50s, and the wind will be in the 30s. Historically, April is the windiest month on the Cape. In May, we can expect a little less wind and warmer air and water temperatures.

The prices for the Spring trip are \$190 for a shared room and \$390 for private room. For the May trip, we hope to be able to secure another house, for a total of four houses. In order to guarantee your place in the wind, sun and fun that goes with BABA's Avon excursions, please complete the following form and send it, along with your check for the appropriate amount to:

Bill Anderson, 1084 Poplar Tree Drive, Annapolis, MD 21401-4812

E-mail wilmeaux@verizon.net

Reservation Form: May 7 - 14, 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 immediately to:
Bill Anderson, 1084 Poplar Tree Drive, Annapolis, MD 21401
E-mail: wilmeaux@verizon.net

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the sail to the rider and the fin and to keep you from pearling the nose. I once heard someone say that the board is just the way to allow a windsurfer to ride the fin. Mast foot location and boom height are the basic variables that allow this water line length reduction.

So now you're at the beach. Hopefully the winds are moderate. 12-15 mph is ideal to learn to set up your "new" kit. Start with your boom at least chin high. Some racers use forehead high others go with nose and others at mouth. Then put the mast base in the very front of the mast track. Sail around for while, with this setup you will probably feel like the board is dragging too much hull in the water. Move the track back to the farthest back position, and sail some more. You may find it difficult to ride the board here too. It may tend to tail walk, or sink in the tail, but it will feel different. Then go to the mid point of those settings and try again. The goal is to be able to ride the fin with the minimum hull in the water to the point of almost being out of control but having the ability to maintain control. Once you have found a "sweet" spot try moving the boom up a couple of inches. You may find that the mast track sweet spot moves forward too. Moving the boom up will change the loading in your legs. Very low and your front leg will always be bent, too high and you wont be able to keep your front foot on the board. When the boom is too high you will also need to lean the rig to weather a lot to control it and this will hurt your pointing ability.

Formula sailing is exciting as long as there is enough wind to get planing, the amount of pumping is less than long board racing, just enough to get you on a plane. I've done both in 15+ mph wind, and a formula board is much easier to get around a course than a long board. The down side is the light wind performance. Top guys can go in 7 to 9 mph, but getting up wind is difficult. Slogging these boards can be done, but this was not the intention of the class, so if you get to a formula regatta and the wind is light bring some other form of entertainment, or relax and wait for it to fill in.

Burnt Weeny Sandwich and Baked Bean Boogie

Ezzy, HiFly, Chinook Demo Day

Mark your Calendars and dust off your drysuis.....It's another **April Fools Wave Jumping Contest and Hot dog Roast at Rocky Point Park in Essex, MD on April 2, 2005**. Starting at 10am, you can savor the delectable feel of the 2005 **EZZY** Infinities, embrace the crisp rails of the **HiFly** Free boards, and firmly grasp the curved contours of a **Chinook** Triple Clamp carbon boom, all the while, stuffing your face with hot dogs and hot chocolate and listening to the piquant sounds of the Mothers Of Invention.

Or if you prefer, come out and have some hot food and drinks and demo some cool gear before you go to the **East of Maui Swap Meet** (The following weekend - April 10. Call 410-573-WIND for more info)

Contact Marc Rosen at duckbite@qis.net. For direction see <http://windsurfbaba.org/pages/launches/launchnews.htm>.

Ed Note: This event is MADD board raffle eligible to members in good standing

Frisco Woods Windfest

April 28 - 30, 2005

Head to Frisco, NC on Hatteras Island the 10th Annual Frisco Woods Windfest. Frisco Woods provides the ultimate camping and windsurfing experience.

Tentative Schedule of Events:

- Talk to Industry reps and local shop keepers about the sport and their product line
- Equipment demos
- On the water instruction by US Sailing Certified Instructors - all levels (bring your non-windsurfing friends)
- How-to clinics
- Kite Boarding - Instruction and demos (wide sailing site to provide adequate down wind sailing of windsurfers)
- Fun Events (to be determined)
- Board Toss (each year this ever popular event is sure to add to the evening's entertainment, and is brought to you by NE Windsurfing Journal!)
- Bonfire nightly

This is the premiere East Coast Windsurfing Event and Celebration of the wind! Don't miss out on the good company, great times, and much more... Camping reservations recommended.

For more information call (252) 995-5208 or (800) 948-3942



Is the Latest the Greatest?

Coby Leyden , dedicated follower of BABA

There's something UGLY in the psyche of a windsurfer. I think we're all equipment junkies. Yep, ALL of us. Often secretly, sometimes blatantly. Face it, if equipment is more than 3 years old, we tend to lose our regard for it, and perhaps even look down our noses at those who would own it. Suddenly, that sail we purchased with such anticipation and enthusiasm has become "older generation equipment," no longer worthy of admiration or respect. So we head to shops and catalogues for a "new equipment fix," even if it's only for a new fin or a fresh set of footstraps.

But is newer always better? That's what I found myself wondering as I set out to replace my old worn footstraps with new, "externally adjustable" Dakine Pro Form straps. I soon realized, though, that "externally adjustable" also meant "NOT internally adjustable." Unlike my old straps, where the arch could be set to a minimum open by a Velcro infrastructure, the outside Velcro on these new straps could only limit the expansion of the arch, not set it open. In other words, if I were out on the water and needed to tweak the strap arch open a tad to make it easier to get into, I couldn't.

Moreover, the neoprene cover on the strap would tend to close the arch when a foot wasn't in it...making it more difficult to wiggle into the next time. Is this progress? OK, maybe these straps would work for someone with fairy-sized feet, but NOT for those of us who smile inwardly when we notice a woman checking out our feet as part of her attempt to size us up.

Excuse me, I digress. The point is, after consideration, I began thinking that these new "externally adjustable" straps were actually a bad idea. I ended up ordering a pair of the old "internally adjustable" straps (DaKine Primo), and thinking that it was truly unfortunate that today's consumerism (marketing what's new) seemed to be controlling innovation, instead of the other way 'round.

So here's an idea! What we consumers need is some sound, unbiased advice that's based on collective experience rather than marketing hype. We need some straight-down-the-line help sorting out which new equipment ideas are really improvements, and which are just "new?"

I think BABANews could do us all a favor by opening up a forum to evaluate new stuff, invite other club members to share their equipment conundrums, and offer purchasing advice. Although we might never be able to restrain our "ugly" urge to buy new stuff, we could at least know that what we buy might actually help us on the water.

Ed Note: Coby posed the question, and Gary Stone of Isthmus Sailboards is providing the answers on the next page. If you have a gear conundrum, want advice, or have questions, e-mail BABANews@mac.com and we'll see what we can come up with for the next issue.

Postcard From Iraq

Hi Marc!!!

I'm alive and well. And yes!!! I got the most excellent **NEWJ** and **TSHIRT**!! Please tell Peter (Bogucki, editor of the **NEWJ**) I said thankyouthankyouthankyou!!! I got the package in late Feb, so am a bit slow.

I've been out on some missions lately and the weather has been crappy and rainy. The whole base turned into a mud pit. But today was lovely, so I had Chief take a photo for you. I hope the **NEWJ** can use it.

I'm so looking forward to coming home, probably late May. It is torture sitting here on a lake with no board and TONS of wind.

Tell everyone I said hi! And stay warm!

Amber

Amber R. Kasbeer, P.E. , Major USAFR
184th ORD BN
Camp Victory Iraq
APO AE 09342

Ed Note: Check the April issue of the NEWJ to see Amber showing off her NEWJ at Camp Victory Iraq. If you're not a NEWJ subscriber (what, you're not a subscriber????) Marc Rosen will have lots of free copies available at the Gear Demo on April 2 or the Gerry Brown Memorial Race on April 30.



Which Footstraps Should You Consider?

By Gary Stone, Owner, Isthmus Sailboards

Being a big fan of **Dakine** products, we offer 4 of 5 of their footstraps. I'd like to give a description of each, along with their advantages and disadvantages. Then you'll know which ones are for you.

Dakine Primo:

This is the classic neoprene internally adjustable Dakine footstrap. It is relatively narrow which limits the total support it can offer, but also makes them quite compact on the board so they are right where you want them to be without being bulky. Once you open the cover a traditional multi-layer adjustment system is found inside which allows for precise adjustments. Take a couple extra minutes to set it carefully and you'll be very pleased with the results. The one other thing about this strap is that it absorbs water, adding weight to your sailing setup.

Dakine Supremo:

The Supremo is modeled after the Primo except it uses all urethane components. For those that want an internally adjustable footstrap that doesn't give at all and does not absorb water, this is a fantastic strap. It has a more direct feel by far than the Primo or ProForm, is very light weight, and also easiest to adjust.

Dakine ProForm:

The ProForm is an externally adjustable strap with a neoprene cover. This strap is a somewhat wider strap that offers greater support and also greater bulk. I personally find this strap too bulky for my taste, though many of our customers really like them. The adjustment of this strap is just like an internally adjustable strap in most ways. Peel back the outer Velcro layer which is on the outside of the strap, peel back the second Velcro layer, pull up on the strap itself, then put the layers back down to increase size, or pull on the inner Velcro layer to decrease size. The strap is sewn in

such a way that if you pull up enough to increase the size of the strap, when you put the two Velcro layers back on, the strap still closes down on itself partly. Therefore this strap in theory does not work out as well for larger feet. Most people still like this strap, but it takes more work to get your foot into it if you have a big foot, and more work to get it out too. For people with medium size feet and smaller it is a very comfortable strap.

Dakine Core Contour:

The Core Contour set is my favorite Dakine strap set. It comes as a set of 3 with additional single rear straps available separately. This strap is only adjustable by changing the position of the mounting screws in the board, its only drawback. It is made from completely non-stretch materials for the most direct feel of any footstrap Dakine offers. (not quite sure what material it is, probably urethane) The front straps are contoured, larger on the side that your foot goes in, and tapering down on the side your toes stick out. This makes it easy to get the sizing just right, and makes it much easier to get your bare foot out of the strap without it hanging up in any way. Like most straps, there can be some friction between a bootie and this strap but I still think it's easier to get out of this strap than any other I have used. These straps also include fantastic stainless and plastic fittings to put your footstrap screws through when installing them.

Dakine Adjustable Core Contour:

The Adjustable Core Contour is Dakine's newest strap, designed to have the shaping benefits of the Core Contour in an adjustable version. It comes as a set of 3 with additional single rear straps available separately. Having contoured front straps is a huge improvement as front strap tightness is much easier to set and it is always much easier to get your feet into or out of

Core Contour or Adjustable Core Contour footstraps. We just got these straps in, so I mounted a front strap up on a display board and found that for adjustment it works just like a Primo or Supremo, open the neoprene cover, peel back the multiple Velcro/urethane layers, and adjust. The outer neoprene layer gives more comfort than the standard Core Contour strap and should be easier on the feet. The inner parts of this strap are primarily urethane, so except for the cover it will not absorb water and it will give a feel that is quite direct, though not as direct as the standard Core Contour.

I have been in the windsurfing business 21 years. I am 48 years old with 2 kids, aged 9 and 13, and a wonderful wife. I weigh 167 lbs and I have been windsurfing for 23 years.

We sail on Lake Mendota, Wisconsin, a great local lake with a fetch of almost 6 miles, which is a beautiful place to sail. We also drive to Sheboygan on Lake Michigan to sail the waves created by the jetty there when the right day comes. Our typical local day is 6.6m2 or 5.7m2 with occasional windier days, and summertime brings out the 8.5m2 gear (and bigger) on a regular basis.

I sail a HiFly Free 110, Starboard Kombat 95, and JP Freestyle Wave 77 III. My sails are Ezzy Infinity 6.6m2, 5.7m2, Ezzy Wave 5.2m2, 4.7m2, and 4.0m2, I am currently testing Epic 100% carbon RDM masts, my booms are HPL carbons with streamline front ends, and I use True Ames fins. When I go out in light air this summer, my planned kit is: JP XCite Ride 135, Ezzy Infinity 8.5m2, Fiberspar mast and HPL carbon boom. I also have extensive experience in cold weather windsurfing, as I have sailed countless times in temperatures below 40 degrees, so I know what works.

Gary





I am asking for your help in sponsoring a bicycle collection for Bikes for the World. Bikes for the World (BfW) is a simple, people-centered project that rescues unwanted bicycles wasting away in American storage areas, and puts them to productive use overseas. Bicycles are donated to selected nonprofit agencies in Africa, Latin America, the Caribbean, and the South Pacific. For more information about BfW, check out their web site at www.bikesfortheworld.org. Bike-related items such as spare parts, accessories, books and tools are also gratefully accepted.

You can help in three ways:

- * donate your bicycle
- * volunteer the day of the event
- * help with publicity by passing out flyers and telling all your friends

Volunteers the day of the event will help prepare the bicycles for shipment

(remove pedals, lower the seat, turn the handlebar, etc.), help collect the \$10 donation needed to defray shipping charges and help organize the bicycles and the collection. It is just three hours of your time on a Saturday morning in June. The date of the collection is Saturday June 18 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Pedal Pushers bicycle shop in Severna Park, MD.

If you are interested in participating or if you have a bicycle you would like to donate, please contact me at ajax.tmm@verizon.net or 410-315-8481.

Ann Jackson

Bikes for the World

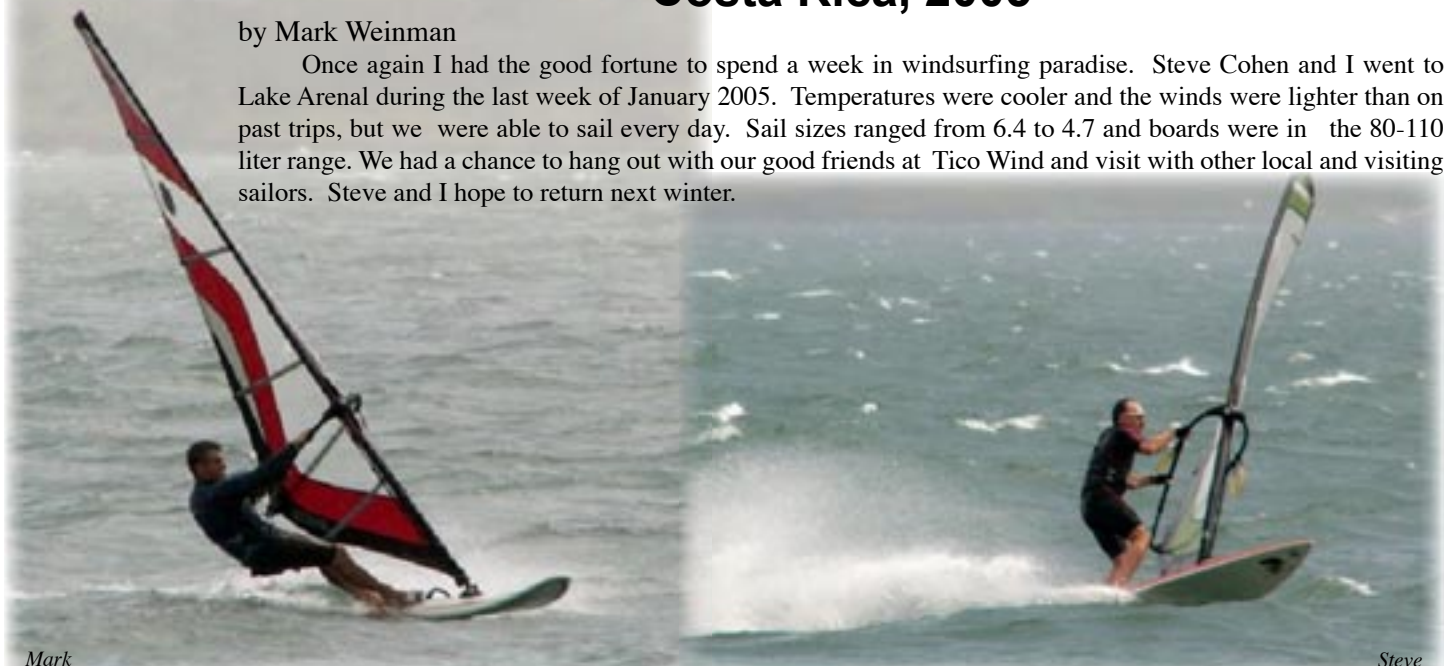
Beginning in 1995 as part of a New Jersey-based bicycle recycling program, this simple but powerful idea has mobilized hundreds of Washington DC-Baltimore area volunteers to collect and ship 28,000 used bicycles, plus many hundreds of thou-

sands of dollars of used and new spare parts and accessories, to programs helping low-income people overseas earn more income, get to school, learn business management and bike mechanic skills, and access health services. In January 2005, the Washington-Baltimore participants in this regional bicycle recycling program established Bikes for the World as a locally-focused sponsored project of the Washington Area Bicyclist Association (WABA). WABA is a nonprofit professionally-run educational and advocacy organization founded in 1972, overseen by an unpaid volunteer board, and with a current membership of 7,000 individuals. WABA provides legal and administrative support and guidance to BfW's full-time volunteer director and advisory board. BfW comprises some 350 individual volunteers and more than 50 community organizations representing a broad spectrum of faiths and civic orientations.

Costa Rica, 2005

by Mark Weinman

Once again I had the good fortune to spend a week in windsurfing paradise. Steve Cohen and I went to Lake Arenal during the last week of January 2005. Temperatures were cooler and the winds were lighter than on past trips, but we were able to sail every day. Sail sizes ranged from 6.4 to 4.7 and boards were in the 80-110 liter range. We had a chance to hang out with our good friends at Tico Wind and visit with other local and visiting sailors. Steve and I hope to return next winter.



Mark

Steve

February in Bonaire

by Janice Emerling

Well, not the whole month of February, but one glorious week anyways. Paul and I had gone to Aruba for a winter vacation the last several years, but I was getting increasingly frustrated with taller hotels and squirrely winds behind the Vela site (though we always appreciated the staff, lessons, and equipment). Finally our Canadian friends convinced us to try Bonaire. It was a really good choice. We intended to fly in on Air Jamaica, which is the only airline that has a one stop flight to Bonaire.



ABK instructor Peter

Unfortunately the FAA didn't like Air Jamaica's record keeping regarding maintenance, and many flights were cancelled on the day we were

due to leave. Luckily American Airlines got us to Curacao and a KLM orphan named Bonaire Excel got us to Bonaire – 9 hours late but we felt fortunate to get there at all. The transfer in Curacao involved two trips though customs and immigration and a Kafka-esque episode where the ticket agent turned out to be the boarding gate guy, AND the person who determined that we standby passengers could board what appeared to be a full flight. We were jubilant to get into Bonaire at 11:00pm and even more excited to find that the rental car agency Sailboard Vacations had booked us through had stayed open for us! The agent even lead us to the hotel where we were staying.

OK, we are in at midnight, the clinic starts at 9:00 am. Never been here before, really have no idea where we are, where Jibe City is, and it's the Monday after a big Festival day (things are moving SLOWLY). It turns out that ABK clinics do not operate on island time but on real time. We manage, with the help of our Canadian friends' reconnaissance to eat breakfast and get to Jibe City on time. The clinic is GREAT. Andy Brandt, Peter and Witt quickly size

up the attendees and start instruction. Equipment is great, wind is great, instruction is great. The only small problem is that we are on a desert island and we have rain off and on for the first 2 ? days. And I don't mean light rain, I mean off and on heavy rain. At least the wind blew, so we sailed in spite of the rain.

We counted ourselves lucky, as apparently the clinic the week prior to ours practiced lots of light or no wind maneuvers.

There are two rumors we heard before we left that we were glad to find were really not a problem. The first was about crime. All of the car rental companies ask renters to leave doors unlocked and no valuables in sight. It turns out that Bonaire is all about diving, and there are dive and snorkel sites every few hundred yards around much of the island. They ask that you leave your car or truck unlocked and no valuables in the vehicle— a bit of a no brainer in my mind when you understand where the thought process comes from. And our hotel, and I expect many others, are very helpful about locking up passports and valuables, so you don't need to worry about what you leave in the car.

The next rumor involves the Bonaire kids and water space. Our experience was that the freestyle kids sail back and forth on a very predictable path, which includes a turn in the shallows in front of Jibe City that only their fins make possible. All we had to do to get out of their path was sail or walk out a short distance. And I would like to add that the few times that I got into to path of the Bonaire kids they did their aerial turns and headed back out to the reef before I could muck it up.

We hope that the next time we go to Bonaire via Air Jamaica the flights are as scheduled. The pros who arrived mid week had no problems and say that Air Jamaica is "windsurfer friendly". Though I think few BABA members are taking equipment there. Having sailed at Dewey



Janice relaxing at the beach bar at Jibe City

when there were more kites than windsurfers, I was delighted to find that kites are BY LAW not allowed at Lac Bay, and are allowed only on the other side of the island at one specific beach. I was dismayed to hear that the wind is not as predictable as in the past, and can only hope that wind is better next year.

We stayed at Eden Beach Resorts, a very pleasant and reasonably priced hotel about a 15 to 20 minute car ride to Jibe City. It takes about 5 – 10 minutes to drive to centercity to restaurants and shopping. Many people walk into town from Eden Beach Resort, but we were too tired every night after the clinics to judge how long of a walk it was (maybe if you stayed an extra week...)

The only problem at Lac Bay was that sometimes the water was a little shallow and the fin would scrape on the sandbars. Probably best to pay for the \$8 insurance in case you wipe out a fin. (at



Andy Brandt demonstrates the "Perfect 7" stance for speed

least one person in our class did). I would go back in a heartbeat. It was good fun. I learned a lot.

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Contact: ann@bonairewindsurfing.com or go to www.bonairepros.com for more
 information

Tico Wind Calling

Dear fellow "Winders",
 Someone once said (and if he didn't he
 should have) "Time stands still for no man"
 and even here in Happy Valley we are no
 exception. February is over and we have
 more or less 7 weeks of sun and wind left.
 For some of you however winter still has a
 steely grip on your local sailing site. What
 better time therefore to take advantage of our
 "Spring Special". All you have to do is check
 out the details on the web page and drop us
 a line. We'll book your accommodation of
 choice and, if you need, arrange for an airport
 pick-up at either San Jose or Liberia. If you
 really can't make it then at least check out
 the action that the lucky few are getting.

The season so far has been awesome wind
 wise with just one serious blip the first week
 in March. Sylvie, a winter resident from
 Quebec, sailed 30 days straight.

Make you want some? Just drop us an e-
 mail and we'll make it happen for you, hell
 I'll even call your boss and tell him to give
 you a week off or I'll put him on my jokes
 mailing list! Maybe you have a buddy who
 has some time off coming, send him down,
 you know we'll look after him

Sail fast take chances!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Peter and Christl

Mail to: info@ticowind.com

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Margarita

Just want to let you know I am
 still going to Margarita on April 23rd
 - May 7. As of now it looks like it
 will be just me but it certainly is not
 too late to book the trip if anyone is
 interested. Any inquiries can go to
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Windsurfing Camps

Our Windsurfing Kids Summer Camps begin June 13th. These camps run Monday thru Friday and kids can sign up for as little as one week or as many as eight weeks. Here's the best part: Round-trip transportation is provided from just about anywhere in or around Baltimore at no charge! Last year, we got more than five-hundred kids hooked on windsurfing and many of them are returning to our camp again this summer! So, if you know of any kids age 9 to 16, who might love windsurfing the way you love windsurfing, hook them up with us and we'll hook them on your favorite sport! Just imagine if you would have had the opportunity to start sailing at that age!!!!

(these camps always book to capacity – call us today! – 410-335-5352)



2005 BABA CALENDAR

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
part of the USWA Nat'l Tour
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 5

Learn to Windsurf
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

Saturday, June 18

BABA Bike Collection
for Bikes for the World
Pedal Pushers, Severna Park, MD
contact Ann Jackson
ajax.tmm@verizon.net

Sunday, June 26

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

July 9 & 10

Petra Kanz Longboard Clinic
Gunpowder State Park, Chase, 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

August 13 & 14

Petra Kanz Freestyle Clinic
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

* BABA is organizing 2 spring trips to
Hatteras for 2005

Need more information?

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Directions, updates & more information on BABA events - go to www.windsurfbaba.org

It Takes a Village to Cook for a BABA Party

by Marc Rosen - and it's not about staying home and baking cookies

Here in brief is what it takes to roast two turkey breasts, two beef briskets, and bake two veggie lasagnas in addition to grilling chicken, sausages and portobello mushrooms when you run out of cooking gas.

Gas Oven #1 (my house) - 2 turkeys for about 1 hour (I knew I was in trouble when the turkeys were in the oven for an hour and I could touch the roasting pan with my bare hand)

Wood Stove (my house) - Brisket #1

Gas Grill #1 (my house) - Brisket#2

Electric Oven #1 (next door neighbor, about 80 yards away) 2 turkeys, remainder of their time

Electric Oven #2 (other friend's house, 1 mile away, 2 round trips) 2 lasagnas

Electric Ovens # 3 & 4 (Sherri and Mark Weinman's, 29 miles away) for reheating briskets, turkeys, lasagnas

Gas Grill #2 (also Sherri & Marks) for cooking Portobello Mushrooms, sweet & hot Italian Sausages, and grilled breasts of chicken.

Time required: too long

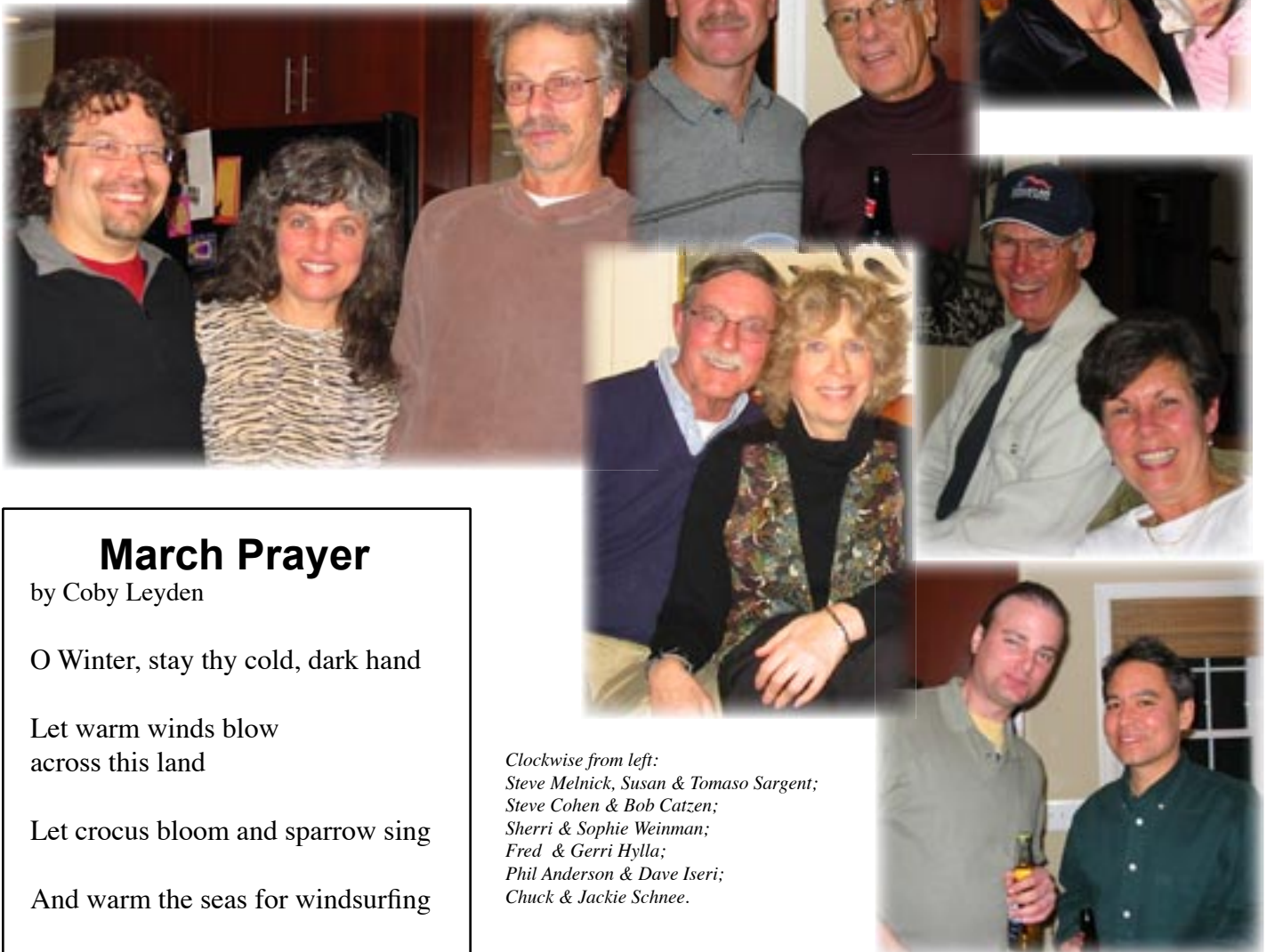
Distance required: at least 62 miles

Coffee consumed: at least 6 cups

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en, the centerpiece of the Weinman's newly renovated home (and the master bathroom had quite a few admirers too).

Chef Rosen was in short sleeves slaving over the grill, and then again inside slaving over the Ramen Noodle Salad (thanks to Dianne Knox for making it - I enjoyed the salad too). Will the provider of the black bean & corn salsa please stand up? Bob and Penny Catzen would like to re-create that dish at home (please e-mail BABAnews@mac.com with the recipe).



March Prayer

by Coby Leyden

O Winter, stay thy cold, dark hand

Let warm winds blow
across this land

Let crocus bloom and sparrow sing

And warm the seas for windsurfing

*Clockwise from left:
Steve Melnick, Susan & Tomaso Sargent;
Steve Cohen & Bob Catzen;
Sherri & Sophie Weinman;
Fred & Gerri Hylla;
Phil Anderson & Dave Iseri;
Chuck & Jackie Schnee.*

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

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

Signature(s): _____ Date: _____

_____ Date: _____

DUES:
\$20.00 Individual or family (membership year 4/1/05 - 3/31/06)

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

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