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BABA Winter Party and Racing Awards

by Daphne Lathouras

We had a great turnout for the combined BABA Winter Party and Racing Awards at Podickery Point Yacht and Beach Club on January 31. More than 30 BABA members from near and far came out for a night of great food and windsurfing camaraderie including **Kevin and Jonna Gaston** who were in Baltimore for a convention (the Gastons live in Palisades, NY - Kevin is an avid longboard racer), and **Gil and Randall Wright** from Fredericksburg, VA. We also met several new members whom we hope will become active on the BABA circuit. And surprise! You might discover that BABA members are your neighbors as did **Alan Zametkin and Jeff & Darlene Forte**. Everyone really enjoyed the venue - a well-appointed party room overlooking the bay near Sandy Point. Special thanks go to **Fan Pat and Colin Pitts** for bringing us all together here, and for organizing the party. We look forward to having other events at Podickery Point!

Excellent food and windsurfing talk filled the first half of the party. Did you know that **Mark Raginsky** is quite a cook? He took charge of the main dishes for the party and made several baked pasta specialties that were delicious. Also on my mind after the party were **Fan's** homemade vegetarian sushi rolls. The only time I eat sushi is at a restaurant, so this was a real treat! I also enjoyed **Carsten & Amaresh Boekholt's** delicious arugula salad. Several people were asking for the recipe for **Alice Macette's** spinach balls and **Tomaso** had three pieces of the bundt cake - sorry we don't know who made it! The appetizers, salads and desserts that everyone brought were delicious and well appreciated.

Commodore Tomaso Sargent got the 2nd half of the party going by announcing the winners of the 2008 BABA Race Series (see page 4). Trophies this year were beautiful glass mugs engraved with the BABA logo, year and place. **Fan Pat** was awarded the "Most Improved" trophy for her showing in the Formula class this season. It's very likely that she would have won the women's longboard class had she not taken on the formula challenge. **Rich Knox** was awarded the "Esteemed Committee Boat Captain" trophy for providing the committee boat for many BABA races in 2008. Tomaso also talked about our upcoming race season with renewed energy and ideas for new events in the works. See his 2009 Get Ready for Racing article on p 3.

The 2008 **Pat Pugh Service Award** was given to **Maureen Pritchard** in recognition and appreciation for all that she has done for BABA and windsurfing in the Mid-Atlantic region as Chair



Mark Saunders, Maureen Pritchard, Mark Bandy and Tomaso Sargent

of the BABA Steering Committee. The award was established in 2001 to honor the memory of BABA member Pat Pugh who died from cancer. Pat was the consummate BABA volunteer and cheerleader - always ready to help out a newbie, take on a volunteer job and spread the stoke. On hand to help present the award to Maureen were **Mark Bandy and Mark Saunders of East of Maui**, co-sponsor of the award for 2008, which included a gift certificate to their shop.

The slate of officers for the BABA Steering Committee was elected, with **Mike McCormick** taking over the sponsorship position, and all other volunteers returning to their steering committee roles.

The evening wrapped up with a classic BABA prize drawing. Our sponsors were very generous again this year and gifts that members won that night included **Dakine** footstraps, hats and gear bags, an **Easy Up Haul and Waterstarter**, **Chinook** extension, mast foot, rig winch and t-shirts, **Aerotech/Epic Gear** harness

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Fall Hatteras Trip October 10-17, 2009

We have rented 5 Soundfront houses in Avon for October, 2009. More information will be coming in future newsletters.

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

**Ann Jackson at (410)315-8481 or
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or any member of the BABA Steering Committee.

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NOW IS THE TIME TO RENEW YOUR BABA MEMBERSHIP!

In these tough economic times your \$20 BABA renewal goes a long way-access to a great newsletter, local racing events, BABA Speed Quest, trips to Hatteras, social events, Learn to Windsurf, Meet at the Beach, etc. etc. You also help support the sport! BABA is one of the few active windsurfing clubs in the Mid-Atlantic region. Just complete the membership form on p 17 and send it along with \$20 to Ann Jackson 124 Bay Park Way Severna Park, MD 21146. Please make sure your email address is up to date and legible.

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2009 Racing

Get Ready for Racing!

Even as the economy is tanking BABA is taking it's share of bailout money and preparing a season of racing and fun events that would distract the likes of AIG executives from spending theirs on Las Vegas retreats. We even give some of our proceeds to charitable causes.

This year we will again put on eight days of course racing events coupled with Meet at the Beach parties to give every member an excuse to get together and have fun on the water. If you tell your kids that they have to get a job and buy their own books this semester you will be able to afford a gps unit and start seeing how fast you are compared to the BABA record holders in the BABA Speed Quest as well as get a national ranking. The kids at St. Mary's have scored big in spite of the credit crisis and managed an entire fleet of new Bic hybrid race boards and rigs. They will be putting on some regattas in Southern Maryland and will be coming up to sail with us at events like the camp out at the Gunpowder and the Mayo events. That means BABA will be adding a "hybrid" class our events. Both

are hoping to entice some young people who are graduating from U l t i m a t e Watersports learn to windsurf programs to further their skills in a rapid manner by joining us.

There are going to be some special, spontaneous events happening under the radar. Folks are always saying "How about a slalom race?" Well, first thing you need for that is >15kts of wind and how many people can leave work on a tuesday afternoon when it's blowing? Chances are that there will be a windy day on a weekend when there is no formal event scheduled so we are entertaining the idea that on short notice we could pull off a slalom race or two. It could be



Skippers Meeting

bay crossing. We have a member who has a shore house near Tolchester Beach which is nearly across from Hart-Miller Island. He even has a Boston Whaler to help keep the fleet corralled and rope in the stragglers. That might work out on a July or August thermal day. Over and back with a picnic in between. Annapolis Winded stu will no doubt be coming up with some crazy fun out of Jackson Creek. I've heard things like the circumnavigation of Kent Island in hawaiian outrigger canoes, Chester River crossing on boards, kayaks, SUP's. Speaking of SUP's, East of Maui will be coming up with a stand up paddle event or two. If you haven't been on one yet you're missing a whole other dimension of board fun.

With gas prices so low and all this potential for fun on the water it should be a record year for participation. All this fun doesn't just magically materialize - we need help from you to make it happen. Get in touch with me and volunteer for a task at one of our events. Think of it as your contribution to a windsurfing stimulus package. Mark your calenders and wet-sand your bottoms, you won't want to miss any of it.

Sea u on the water,
Commodore Tomaso



East of Maui and Ultimate Watersports rent these boards so if you have been wanting to race but don't have the ideal light wind machine, set one up for rental on one of our race days and find out how much fun it is chasing people around a course. This board is a great novice platform too so we

at the Gunpowder, Podickery Point Yacht Club or Mayo Beach. If the forecast is looking promising we'll start a mad e-mail blitz along with a headliner on the website and whoever sees it can also call all their friends to get the word out and the racers on the beach. Another thing we hear about is a

Don't miss any last minute announcements - register for More_Downhaul. Send an e-mail to more_downhaul-subscribe@yahoogroups.com to get started.



Men's Longboard 7.5 Limited

1st Jack Ames (r), 2nd John Bickford (l), 3rd Tom Hickey



Fan Pat - Most Improved

Winter Party & Racing Awards

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lines and rack pads, **Ezzy** t-shirts, and subscriptions to **Stand Up Surf and Sail Journal**. You'll be seeing more swag drawings from our sponsors at several race events this year - another great reason to come out and race! And, if you haven't taken the time to thank the sponsor that provided the prize you won, please do - they love to hear from BABA members and are very supportive of the work we do to keep the sport of windsurfing alive and well in the Chesapeake region.

Thank you to all members of the steering committee for continuing in their important volunteer roles, and to Mike McCormick for taking on sponsorship. If you would like to get more involved with BABA there are small and large jobs to be done. The Race Committee is always looking for help on race days - riding the committee boat is a great way to learn about racing if you're not quite ready to get started and assistance on the beach is needed too. Race days are also "Meet at the Beach" days where we encourage our new members and newbie windsurfers to come out and meet the crew, and sail with the security of friends around to help out with rigging and technical questions, and try out unfamiliar launch sites. We're looking for volunteers to "host" Meet at the Beach days.

If you're a Hatteras trip regular and haven't raised your hand to volunteer to help with the Meet and Greet Party, lunchtime bbq or beach bonfire, please remember that none of these events take place without volunteer help, and they are appreciated and enjoyed by everyone on the trip. The trip coordinators do a lot of work to get everyone to Avon - help them out by volunteering while you're there! Please contact Maureen or one of the Steering Committee members if you'd like to get more involved.



Women's Longboard 7.5 Limited

1st Daphne Lathouras (c), 2nd Anne Jackson (r), 3rd Janice Emerling (l)

Formula – *1st Alan Bernau, 2nd Colin Pitts and 3rd Eric Rahnenfuehrer*

Longboard Open – *1st Bill Anderson, 2nd Fred Thomas and 3rd Eddie Murawski*

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Winter Party



Amaresh, Aliyah and Carsten Boekholt



Darlene & Jeff Forte and Alan Zametkin



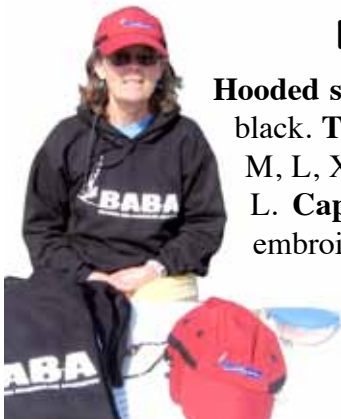
Mark Raginsky, Craig Heffner and Fred Hylla



Kevin Gaston and Colin Pitts

BABA T's, Hoodies and Caps

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. **Caps \$20** - deep red with black trim with an embroidered BABA logo on the front. BABA Gear will be for sale races and other events throughout the season.



2009 Clinics, Racing & Speed Quest

Learn to Windsurf

It's time again to alert your interested-in-learning-windsurf-friends that our once a season learn to windsurf clinic is scheduled for **Sunday, June 28th**. This year there will be a race at the Gunpowder the same day, so there will be plenty of inspirational sights on the water for beginners. Registration is 11:30. The clinic will last four hours and includes instruction on land, time on the simulator, and time on the water. The late June date is more likely to give us a warm water, warm air day, so this is the year to take part. Participation is limited, so it is important for people to get their money into me to reserve a spot. Cost is \$30. Anyone who is interested can email me at janiceemerling@verizon.net or call me at 410-457-4001. One of the participants last year was seen working on helicopter tacks at Hatteras in the fall- great progress is possible when motivated learners start out with good basic instruction. So encourage your friends to attend.

Petra Kanz Clinic

BABA has the good fortune to have a relationship with a professional windsurfer, Petra Kanz. Petra is an accomplished sailor, an excellent teacher of freestyle, shortboard, longboard and sailhandling skills. Her two day clinics at the Gunpowder are held on Saturday and Sunday. Clinics consist of lectures and on water instruction on your own equipment. (students can rent equipment from Ultimate Watersports if they don't have their own.) The type of clinic is determined by the attendees - cost is \$290 per person. All I need is four to six people to let me know they want to take a clinic, what skills they are working on, and then we can arrange a date with Petra. Her time is in great demand, so I need to hear from you as soon as possible at janiceemerling@verizon.net.

BABA Speed Quest 2009

Top speeds from November 2008 are still leading the 2009 Speed Quest, with Roger Fitzgerald holding a narrow lead over Craig Heffner. That could all change when we go to Hatteras this spring. Sign up for the 2009 Speed Quest and send in your speeds!

Registration form on p. 8 and more details can be found at www.windsurfbaba.org.

BABA 1 10th Annual Gerry Brown Memorial Race for Cancer Research

**Sunday, April 26 at Rocky
Point Park, Essex, MD**

Race fees and other tax deductible contributions collected by participants will be presented to the Sidney Kimmel Comprehensive Cancer Center at Johns Hopkins. If you don't race, please consider sponsoring a racer and making a contribution (contact **Marc Rosen**). A pledge form can be found on p 15. We look forward to a big turnout for the first race of the season!

Calema Midwinters

by Tom Caswell and Tomaso Sargent

BABA members **Tom Caswell, Tomaso Sargent, Alan Bernau & Eric Rahnenfeurer** and WET members **John Quinn and Dave Kashy** made the trip to Merritt Island, Florida for the 2009 Mid Winters. **Farrah Hall** was there fresh from Miami and the Sarasota Regatta with her KA sails and Mike's Lab board.

John Quinn made the right call and registered for Longboard Open fleet. Kona, Hybrid and Longboard got to sail all three days.

Saturday provided the first stand-up paddle board contest with several teams participating in this new endeavor. It provides a fun alternative to windsurfing and looks like something we could do locally.

We decided to leave early after two

days of no wind and forecasted low winds for Sunday, so we packed up the trailer. The weather otherwise was beautiful, sunny, just like you'd want. Shortly after finishing packing we heard in the distance "Formula Fleet, you're horn has been blown!" A sea breeze kicked in with 9 - 11 mph winds.

A mad rigging frenzy ensued with stuff flying out of the trailer and tensions high. Formula then got three back to back races in on a grueling course that took over 30 min. to complete. Then, a de-rigging rush to hit the road by 5 pm and head north.

Sorry - no results to report as the Calema website is showing 2008 results at press time! Lots of pictures at http://usp2.smugmug.com/gallery/7568182_rGXjV#P-1-16

WET Spring Regatta May 16 - 17 Norfolk, VA

www.sailwet.com
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May Hatteras Trip Sells Out, Then Sells Out Again....

But just maybe we can find you a space.

The word is out.
Windsurfing the Outer
Banks in May is da
bomb!

But don't take our
word for it. Just ask
anyone who's been on
the May trip the past 3

years.

And then be prepared for
an earful...about the great
conditions, the warm water,
the long daylight hours, the
energized feeling of meeting new
friends, the good food....and, of
course, those bright stars in the
black sky.

Oh, and did I mention the wind?
Maybe you've heard that April
and October were the predictable
months for good breezes in
Hatteras. That's true...but not
the ONLY months. Because the
first two weeks in May are just as
good as April...if not better.

In fact, the above assertion
comes with a guarantee! If
there are not at least two great
days for sailing, your BABA trip
coordinator will buy a case of
beer for every house on the trip.
That makes it certain that you'll
be enjoying the trip, no matter
what.

We filled all four houses we
rented.

So we got
another house.
And we filled that
one, too!

And now we're
filling a record-
busting 6th
house.

Our 6th
house is a
SOUNDFRONT

house just across the Weakfish
Drive canal from the BABA
Houses...about 150 yards away
by water. Tremendous water
views, screened porch & hot tub.
The location is primo.

At press time there were 3 single
spots available OR 1 single and 1
private room.

Bottom line...there may still be
space if you want to come (and
who wouldn't?). To reserve
a space send in your paid
reservation form from p. 8 (along
with your 2009 \$20 dues, if you're
not paid up) and we'll see if we
can find space for you. Your
space will be confirmed subject to
house availability upon receipt of
your reservation.

Rooms for the week (May 2nd
through 9th) are just \$220 for
shared room or den space, and
\$440 for a private room (usually



with King or Queen bed). Food
arrangements are made on a
house-by-house basis with fellow
housemates, with some all hands
party meals provided by BABA.

Lessons, rental equipment, water
wear, etc...all within walking
distance of your house. Every
house with a hot tub, deck, and
great sound views! Call Coby
Leyden if you'd like more info.

Come join the fun!

Send your reservation to:

Coby Leyden
BABA - May Trip Coordinator
2642 N. Rockingham St.
Arlington, VA 22207-1010
(703) 969-1027 - cell





BABA Spring Hatteras Trip Reservation Form May 2 - 9, 2009

Name _____

Email _____

What accommodation do you want?

_____ Private room, king or queen bed: \$440 _____ Shared room or den, single bed: \$220

If you have a particular person or group of folks you'd like to room with, please let me know. We will take your preferences into consideration (but no guarantees...as there are many other considerations that must be factored in).

Note: BABA will provide you a full refund if you must cancel up to 60 days before the trip date. After that, any refund is contingent upon someone else signing up for your space. All trip goers must be current BABA members for 2009/10. A membership form can be found on p 11. Please mail your check (including \$20 for membership), the reservation form and your signed membership form to:

Coby Leyden, 2642 N. Rockingham, Arlington, VA 22207

Contact Coby at 703/241-9129 or cobysm3@msn.com if you have any questions.

BABA Speed Quest 2009 Registration Form

Open to all BABA Members – Please complete the 2009 Speed Quest registration form and send in your entry fee of \$5 per person with your dues. That entry fee covers as many entries as you want to submit, from November 1, 2008 – October 31, 2009. Only your fastest 5 x 10 second average speed will be posted in the year end results. See the guidelines at www.windsurfbaba.org

Name: _____

Choose one Class: Unlimited: _____ Women: _____ under 16: _____

email: _____ phone: _____

GPS make and model: _____

Note: all participants must have a signed BABA membership form on file, including the waiver. Save a stamp and mail your 2009 Speed Quest Registration and fee along with your membership renewal to Ann Jackson. Membership form can be found on p 17 or at www.windsurfbaba.org - click on "JOIN" (and if you're signing up for the May Hatteras trip and renewing your membership you can send this form along in the same envelope to Coby Leyden - see the Hatteras form for details).

Winter Sailing in Maryland- It's Not Always Cold!

by Roger Fitzgerald



Roger Fitzgerald- March 9

February 12, 2009 was a 55 degree day, with winds of 25-40, with gusts to 50 in the forecast. So we had something that added up to 100- what's that rule- air temperature plus wind speed? The 40 degree water discouraged some local high wind sailors who might have otherwise gone sailing, and **Fred Hylla** was in Hatteras, so just two of us sailed at Rocky Pt. **Mark Weinman** used his very new looking 4.4 (see past BABA newsletters for the back story) and I used my 4.2 with the 84 liter Cross. Got some speeds in the 28 knot range, this was an excellent sailing day with winds ranging from 25 to 35 knots, with some gusts turning the water to liquid smoke. We wore thick suits, boots, and open palm mittens, but the bright sunshine and limited time in the water meant that we were never cold.

March 9th was not quite as windy, but even warmer, with winds of 20- 40 mph from 11 until 3. This time we had three sailors with **Fred and Tom Hollowell** joining me on the water. We all sailed bare handed, the air temperatures were near 60, although the water was still close to 40 degrees. Fred and I used 4.7's, Tom his 4.6. I switched to my 5.3 and bigger (86 liter) board in the afternoon. Now that we are officially in the Spring season, we should get more sailors on the water. This is one of the windiest times of the year, so get out that full suit and get on the water when the next front passes, you won't be alone if you go to Rocky Pt. when the wind is 20 mph or higher.



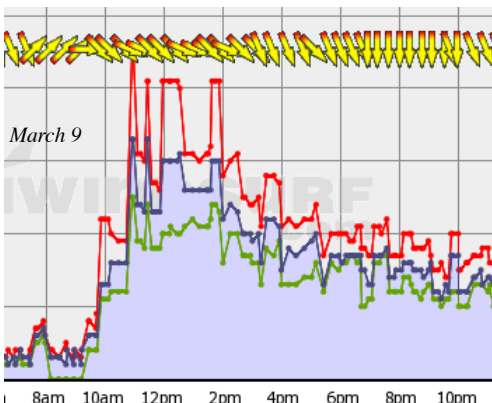
Fred Hylla - March 9



Tom Hollowy - March 9



Mark Weinman - February 12



March 9



Roger Fitzgerald - February 12

VELA BAJA

by Helen Van Gelder

In January, 2009, **Bill Anderson** and I booked a trip thru Vela, the windsurfing travel agent, to Los Barriles, in Baja California. It's about an hour north of the Los Cabos airport, on the east side of the peninsula on the Sea of Cortez. We spent a week at the Hotel Playa del Sol, a resort geared exclusively to windsurfers in the winter months, and we found tons of great equipment, instruction, and encouragement for windsurfing, biking, kayaking, etc. And the other guests were all windsurfers, too, so we could sit around the beachside bar and trade stories in the evening while we sipped our margaritas.

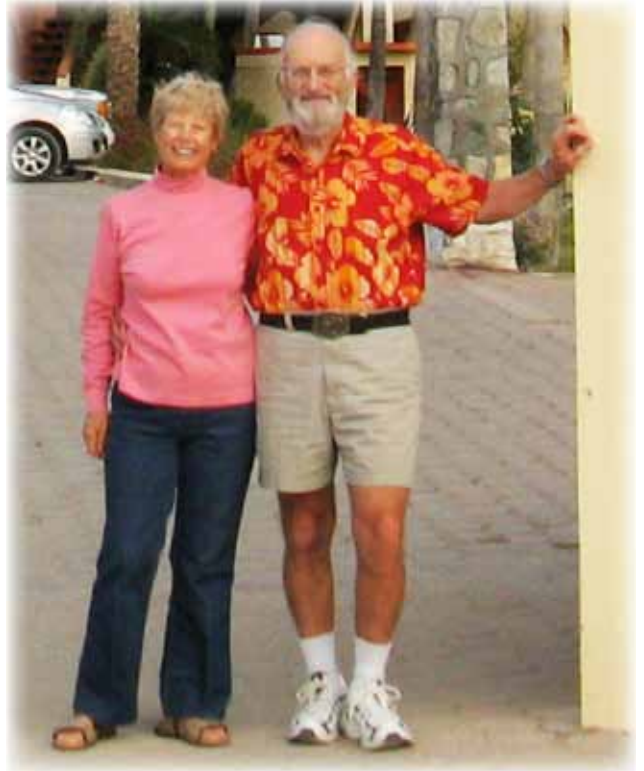
It was a great trip! The weather was wonderfully warm in the daytime and cool at night. Slightly-padded rash guard tops kept us comfortable in the cool water. There was wind every day, starting light in the morning and coming up in the afternoon. We had an all-inclusive deal (room, 3 meals and equipment) with the option of a picnic lunch - no cares besides our daily recreation. (Much of the food was pretty ordinary, but we were having too much fun to care.) The whole package cost about \$1000 each + airfare.

Each day started with a yoga/stretch class on the beach, followed by a half-hour clinic on some aspect of windsurfing. Several excellent instructors were always on site (all English-speaking) and were very helpful in suggesting gear, helping to carry it to the beach and back, answering ques-

tions, and giving private lessons at a reasonable cost. Bill and I usually selected boards around 135 liters (so we could uphaul if necessary), and sails from 5.0 to 7.5, although the hot shot windsurfers were all on small gear. There was an incredible array of modern, high-quality equipment available.

The tough part was getting launched in the shore break. It was small break, but the beach fell off to deep about 3 feet out so you couldn't walk out past the surf. The swell was big, and the wind was side-onshore. The launch area was sheltered enough to make water-starting difficult, and uphauling in the big swell before washing ashore was hard. Once launched you could sail out far enough to find good planing winds every day. I noticed that most of the experienced Los Barriles sailors could read the swells well enough to successfully beach start, but Bill and I did not conquer this challenge in our week there, and our launches remained awkward.

The hotel had a large selection of RockHopper bicycles, perfect for the local road conditions, and Bill and I made sev-



eral bicycle trips - one to the Flag monument a couple of miles south. We climbed a small mountain to reach it and had a great view of the coast for miles and miles in each direction. We also bicycled around Los Barriles' dirt roads, finding the picturesque cemetery, the hidden post office, and several remote bistros, apparently closed for the winter. There were a number of single-track trails on the map, but Bill could not entice me to risk my neck on them.

Another day we kayaked up and down the coastline looking, without success, for a good snorkeling area. There was just too much turbulence to make underwater viewing possible. We hurriedly terminated our kayak excursion when the wind came up and white-capped swells started pushing the kayak around. That was exciting.

There were also SUP's available that we planned to take out on a calm day, but that day never came in the week we were there. Neither did we join the croquet game that started every evening at 5 pm (too busy at the beach bar, I think). But each night we went to bed tired and happy from a full and busy day.

Los Barriles is just a small Mexican town and we enjoyed interacting with the local Mexicans, who politely suffered

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through my rusty Spanish. We hiked around town several times, finally locating a modern supermarket with everything one needed, including a discount waterproof watch to replace Bill's when it gave up the ghost.

No high-rise hotels here, and only a few tourist shops. (In the summer it caters to sport fishermen.)

If you are interested in making a windsurfing trip to Los Barriles, check out the report by Linda Grande in the March/April 2007 issue of the BABA newsletter for more info and another point of view. That article was very helpful in preparing us for our trip. Thanks, Linda!

Vela maintains windsurfing establishments in various locations (Baja, Cabarete, Aruba, Margarita, Maui, Brazil, and Venezuela, last I looked) all of them stocked with good windsurfing equipment. You can contact them at www.vela.com.



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

FOR SALE:

\$75.00. **thule roof rack system.** complete, with 58" bars and locking roof supports. fits 1997 plymouth voyager and / or dodge caravan mini-van body styles. that style was prevalent for many years. call tomaso: 301.252.5496 or tom_us919@hughes.net

WANTED:

I am looking for a small, hand held wind speed meter (with the small fan in it) that is broken. I need the fan mechanism (the anemometer) for a project. contact Paul Kenyon paulkenyon@juno.com

FOR SALE:

Aerotech 6.8 Phantom (2008) \$275;
Fiberspar carbon boom 200-240 \$275;
100% carbon 550cm mast \$350; Fiberspar 230--290 boom (custom) \$375
2008-NeilPryde Excess 5.2 \$295 never used; Numerous wave fins 7.5" thru 12" American box \$25
Rhino wave fins Tuttle box 11.5 thru 13.5
Contact Tom Caswell at 410 956 4725 or Tcaswelln60@yahoo.com

WANTED:

Looking for a 130-150 liter used board. Got one? Contact Alan Zametkin a.zametkin@gmail.com

FOR SALE:

Starboard S-Type 137 Wood, 2006, fast and light, A condition: \$825
Board planes quickly, great for 5.5 to 8.5 sails.? All reasonable offers considered.
2008 KA Sails- try before you buy!
Contact Roger to try sails from 4.2 to 7.2, they are all in excellent shape and you may sail them first, then decide if you want to purchase any of these lightly used demo sails, all in excellent condition.
Roger Fitzgerald 410-374-0948 or email: fitz@qis.net

BABA 2008 FINANCIAL REPORT

by Helen Van Gelder, BABA Treasurer

INCOME

Hatteras Trip Receipts	\$14,920
Membership Dues	2,135
Misc. Income	35
Racing Income	1,604
Sales (shirts, hats, etc.)	1,174

TOTAL INCOME	\$19,868

EXPENSES

Bank Charges	7
Hatteras Trip Expenses	13,530
Liability Insurance	665
Misc Expense	285
Newsletter Printing/Postage	551
Office Supplies	67
Winter party/annual meeting	111
Racing Expenses	2,050
Sales Expenses (shirts, hats)	3,590

	\$20,856

Our treasury showed a net decrease for the year of \$988. (But we still have a bunch of t-shirts, hats, sweatshirts and rash guards to sell in 2009!)

Total left in the treasury at the end of the year was \$7,852.

Farrah Hall Vindicated

The Baltimore Sun (2/24/2009) called it a "hollow victory". Last month the U.S. Olympic Committee concluded that BABA member **Farrah Hall** was denied due process when the U.S. Sailing committee overturned her victory in the Olympic trials and gave the Olympic birth to Nancy Rios. U.S. Sailing has been given 6 months to make its rules comply with federal law and USOC bylaws. Too late for Farrah, since the Beijing Olympics are over. But she has already shifted her focus to the 2012 Summer Games in London. Farrah is currently ranked 1st on the US Sailing team in RS:X women, and has picked up a new sponsor (KA Sails). She recently competed in the Mid-Winter games at Calema in Florida with several other BABA members.

You can get more details in a press release published at www.farrah-hall.com

Postcard from Japan

by Chris Zeitvogel

Despite our blizzard a week ago today; spring is in the air. I know it is, since I was blessed with a nice sunset wsfm sesh tonight that brought tears to my eyes. Actually, I am tearing up even as I type this (ACHOOO!) and it isn't just from the joyous afterglow of sailing. Nope; it is cedar pollen allergy time here now in northern Japan. It's not too bad just yet, since I can still breath.

Yep, very nice SSW 6.5 wind this evening. Water is icy but air was pushing 55 deg F. The southern element to the wind nicely flattened out our normal psychochop in the prevailing westerly winds.

I had also sailed this past sunday on 4.7 for a few hours at mid-day. Stopped earlier than I normally would have since we planned a night snowboarding sesh starting at 5 PM. We drove all the way out to the mnts to find the resort closed for night skiing due to.....

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..... HIGH WINDS !!!!

AAAArrrrrrrrggggg!

Saturday we were on a ski trip with the base Outdoor Recreation folks to a resort down in Iwate Prefecture. Windy as heck and rained all morning. After we got nice and wet the temperature dropped and it snowed like mad. But no crowds.

Yeah, there is still plenty of snow to be had in the higher mnts but with all the snow melted from our rigging areas and the temps warming up down here I think I will be wsfm locally rather than driving to snowboard. Yuichi the snowboarding fool would prefer another six months of winter. Ha.

Tips and Tricks

by Glenn Woodell, Windsurfing Enthusiasts of Tidewater

Slippery Decks

Even brand new boards can have slippery decks. If you've never sailed on a sticky deck, you will be amazed at how much better you sail on one. Re-Dek, available at most shops is about the best and easiest non-slip around. On a warm sunny day it will dry as fast as you can get it on and it lasts almost a whole season for even the most active windsurfers. Be careful when using a freshly Re-Deked board with a new pair of booties because you will stick like flypaper! An easier method is to get a sheet of decking for skateboards and cut and place where you need it. It's usually black so it may not look good but you can cut it to whatever shapes and patterns you want.

Stuck Mast

Almost everyone has had a two-piece mast stick before, especially when sailing around sand. There are a lot of different techniques out there. For the best grip for team twist-n-pull, attach a boom above and another below the joint for extra leverage. The best medicine is prevention. I always run a strip of tape over the joint before I rig. This keeps the mast from separating while rigging (and unrigging) and keeps particles out of the joint. Works like a charm!

Stuck Base

Your base can sometimes get stuck in the mast, especially if you do not have a reduced diameter base like a Chinook or Windsurfing Hawaii. Try attaching the downhaul line to a solid

object like a tree and pulling by the mast. Since the downhaul line is attached fairly close to the centerline, it directs the pull where it needs to be. If your downhaul line breaks, it probably needed replacing anyway.

Downhauling

If you can downhaul your sail with your bare hands, you are probably not downhauling enough. Invest in an aluminum cleat handle (\$13) or a crank (\$46) one of the many other devices to grip the line. Stay away from the plastic ones which can fail and expose your hand to sharp edges under heavy load. Can you say stitches?

Downhaul Line

Always keep extra downhaul line handy. I usually buy enough for several 4ft lengths. It's great to have around if you have to give OR receive a tow.

The blue braided line from Chinook is my favorite. It's cheap and will last a season or three and I use it for my outhaul as well. For large sails that take a lot of downhaul, use Spectra. It's lasts longer and stretches less, but it's hard on the hands and is quite pricey.

U-joint

Inspect it and replace it often! And a piece of line between the tack of your sail and the base of your board will keep your gear together if the joint or the base fails. An extra U-joint will get you right back on the water should you break one. I always carry

three in my gear box.

Most modern bases already have this safety line attached. The hourglass is the spongiest type and the least durable. The mechanical universal is the best choice for wide boards because you don't have to turn the board over on its side to attach the sail, and the tendon is best choice for small boards and gives the firmest response to the sail.

Loose Fin

A loose fin will cause premature spinout. The American Standard and European fins can easily be tightened by using shims made from 2-liter plastic bottles or aluminum cans. Recycle!

Carry an assortment of washers to allow for a fin bolt that's too long in the cavity base fins like Powerbox and Tuttle. Pick up an 8mm tap and tap handle to keep in your gear box to run through your fin threads to keep your bolt from getting tight.

Ed Note - If you have tips and tricks you'd like to share please send them to babanews@mac.com



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2009 BABA CALENDAR

April ????

April Fool's Wave Bash
Who knows?
Stay tuned to More Downhaul
for info.

Sunday, April 19

East of Maui Spring Swap
Annapolis, MD

Sunday, April 26

BABA 1 - Gerry Brown
Memorial Race for
Cancer Research
Rocky Point Park, Essex MD

May 2 - 9

Spring Hatteras Trip

Sat & Sun, May 16 - 17

WET Spring Regatta
Norfolk, VA

Sat & Sun, May 30 - 31

BABA 2 & 3 Races
and Campout
Gunpowder Park, Chase MD

Sunday, June 14

BABA 4 Race
Mayo Beach Park, Mayo MD

Sunday, June 28

BABA 5 Race
Gunpowder Park, Chase MD

Sunday, June 28

BABA Learn to Windsurf with
Ultimate Watersports
Gunpowder Park, Chase MD
Advance registration
required

Sunday, July 12

BABA 6 Race
Gunpowder Park, Chase MD

September TBA

BABA Fun Race/
Race Around Hart Miller Isl
with Baltimore Co. Sailing Ctr.
Rocky Point Park, Essex MD

Sat & Sun, Sept 19 - 20

BABA 7 and BABA 8
East Coast Championships
part of the US Windsurfing
National Race Tour
Mayo Beach Park, Mayo MD

October 10 - 17

Fall Hatteras Trip

October TBA

WET Hampton Roads
Classic Regatta
Norfolk, VA

Saturday, October 31

Last Day for 2009
Speed Quest

Sunday, November 1

2010 Speed Quest Begins!

TBA

BABA Annual Meeting
and Awards

Need more information?

BABA RACING: contact Tom Sargent: 301/854-6442 or tom_us919@hughes.net

WET Events: go to 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 to get started.

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



**10th Annual Gerry Brown Memorial
Windsurf Race to Benefit Cancer Research at the
Sidney Kimmel Comprehensive Cancer Center
at Johns Hopkins**

The Baltimore Area Boardsailing Association, the New England Windsurfing Journal, and EZZY Sails are asking for your support in raising funds to help fight cancer. You are requested to sponsor a participating sailor with a donation of any amount for their competition in the Gerry Brown Memorial Windsurf Race to be held on April 26, 2009, at the Baltimore County Sailing Center at Rocky Point Park. Your donation is tax deductible to the extent allowed by law. Please make your check payable to Johns Hopkins Medicine. Any donations made out to BABA will not be eligible for tax deductions.

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(Sailors, please turn this form in at race time with any donations you have collected)

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Our initial order of surf boards and SUP's has arrived. We are running a special on the Jimmy Lewis 11' All-Around SUP: \$1499 w/ board bag and paddle.* We also have special paddle pricing with any Naish or Laird SUP. Pre-season Sale ends March 31st. (* good while supplies last). We have a great selection of surfboards from 6' shortboards to sweet 10' longboards. We even have a few used boards too!

Spring Windsurfing Swap* Sunday April 19th, 8 a.m.

We should have new windsurfing gear arriving around the end of this month. We have plenty of all-around and entry level boards and rigs on the way as well as higher performance boards from Naish, Bic, and Starboard. We are dealers for almost every brand available. If we don't have it in stock, we will be happy to order it for you. However, the word on the street (due to the economy) is that many of our suppliers will have lower inventory levels than years past. If you are thinking about a new board or sail this season, you should get your order in early to make sure East of Maui can get that perfect board or sail for your quiver.

*Swap Info. The SWAP is free to our customers and the general public. However, No Dealers, Shops, Team Riders, or their agents are permitted to attend without prior approval from East of Maui.

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2009 Membership Application



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Occupation: _____ Years Boardsailing: _____ Age: _____

____ I would like to be an electronic subscriber to the newsletter ____ \$5 Speed Quest Registration and form Included

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

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

Newsletter Racing Program Hatteras Trips Clinics Local Trips
 Meet at the Beach Social Events Family Fun Day BABA Speed Quest

Other: _____

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