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## Annual Meeting and Racing Awards

by Daphne Lathouras

We had a chilly but beautiful afternoon with a sweeping view of the Chesapeake Bay from Podickery Point Yacht and Beach Club for the mid-winter party on January 23. Thank you to **Fan Pat and Colin Pitts**, who organized and hosted the party again this year. 35 BABA members came out to lunch on a feast of great dishes including **Fan's** papaya salad, **Jeff Forte's** bacon-y baked beans, **Janice Emerling's** green beans with pine nuts and balsamic, dijon, basil drizzle, black-eyed pea salad, and a huge assortment of desserts including **Chuck Schnee's** delicious cookies (I didn't eat any, really!) all washed down with **Fan & Colin's** Bloody Marys and sodas for the designated drivers.

Our generous sponsors provided a great assortment of windsurfing goodies for raffle during the party and during the 2010 racing season like a **DAKINE** harness with a spreader bar and **DAKINE** cool tools; an **Easy Uphaul**; **ProMotion** rash guard; **Windsurfing** magazine subscriptions; a gift certificate from **Avon Sail House**; **Ezzy** t-shirts; t-shirts and Four Dimensions windsurfing movie dvd from **Ocean Air**; and a mast extension, fin, t-shirts and downhaul cranks from **Chinook**. Participate in the 2010 Race Series and you might win a great raffle prize!

You'll see our sponsors' logos throughout the newsletter, on flags at our events, and on the sponsor page of the BABA website. Please remember to thank the sponsor who provided the raffle prize you received - a little gratitude goes a long way to keep up the stoke.

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## Volunteer for BABA

BABA is made up of a committed group of volunteers who want to share the stoke. Achieving the club's goals is only possible because committed volunteers keep coming back year after year. BABA encourages newbies with Learn to Windsurf and Meet at the Beach; gets free-riding speed freaks on board with BABA Speed Quest; hooks folks on windsurfing in all conditions with our fun and competitive race series (which includes the East Coast Championships, part of US Windsurfing National Race Tour); and brings members together with social events, trips to Hatteras, and days at our favorite local launches where we share the camaraderie that comes with a great day on the water with friends. Often behind the scenes, BABA volunteers work to retain access to our favorite windsurfing launches and secure access to new ones.

NEW VOLUNTEERS are warmly welcomed, and we encourage every member to consider what their role can be as a volunteer for BABA in 2010. BABA is planning some new initiatives including supporting Junior Windsurfing on the Chesapeake and a beach clean-up at Rocky Point. Access to good windsurfing launches will continue to be a serious issue for the club. Be a part of the stoke and volunteer. Contact me or any member of the Steering Committee to talk about your interests and when you can volunteer - for an hour or two, for a day, or as an event or program coordinator - BABA NEEDS YOU!

*Mark Raginsky  
Chairman*

## BABA Steering Committee Meeting

Sunday, March 21 at 2pm at the home of Mark Raginsky

Everyone is welcome - please contact Mark for the address at [windz41@yahoo.com](mailto:windz41@yahoo.com)

Topics on the agenda include:

1. BABA RACE Program
  - Gerry Brown Planning
  - Suggestions on improvements and ways to get additional participation
2. Youth Windsurfing in Maryland
  - Junior Olympics in Rock Hall
  - Junior racing with BABA / Baltimore County Sailing Center
  - details on purchasing boards for the sailing center
  - youth coaching

See you there!

**Please Renew  
Your BABA  
Membership for  
2010**

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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  
Ann Jackson at (410)315-8481 or  
ajax.tmm@verizon.net  
or any member of the  
BABA Steering Committee.**

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## Membership Renewal Time

by Ann Jackson

Please renew your BABA membership now! Fill out the membership form on p 11 and mail your \$20 renewal fee to Ann Jackson 124 Bay Park Way Severna Park, MD 21146. The membership year is the calendar year, effective immediately, so your membership is due now! Benefits of membership include: racing, raffle prizes, Learn to Windsurf clinics, trips to Hatteras, Meet at the Beach days, social events, discounts at windsurfing shops, fantastic newsletters, camaraderie, beach access advocacy, etc., etc.

For an additional \$5 you can join BABA Speed Quest and record your speed to compete for prizes.

Membership form on p 11

Check out the newsletter in color (if you're not already) at [www.windsurfbaba.org](http://www.windsurfbaba.org)  
Click on "newsletter" in the red side bar.

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## Club News



Dave Iseri (r) hands over his membership renewal to Ann Jackson (l) while Fan Pat (c) supervises.

### BABA Annual Meeting

During the official Annual Meeting portion of the event we held Officers' elections for 2010. **Mark Raginsky** was elected **Chair**; **Mike McCormick**, **Vice Chair**; **Ann Jackson**, **Secretary**; and **Helen Van Gelder**, **Treasurer**. Steering Committee members agreed to continue in their roles and members confirmed **Fan Pat** as **Sponsorship Coordinator**, and **Roger Fitzgerald** as **Rocky Point Access and Speed Quest Coordinator**. **Dave Iseri** joined as member at large, and we won't let go of **Maureen Pritchard** yet - she also agreed to serve as member at large. For the complete list of BABA Officers and Steering Committee members see page 2. A big thank you to everyone for continuing in your volunteer roles or taking on new ones. Volunteers are BABA's most important resource.

### BABA By-Laws Change Approved

The BABA membership year was officially changed to Jan 1 - Dec 31. New members who join after September 1 will automatically have their membership cover the following year.



Mike McCormick and Janice Emerling

### BABA Awards

We had a successful longboard series for 2009, but formula racers were denied starts on race days due to lack of wind. For those of you who can swing both ways (I mean longboard and formula) you can race and be scored in both classes during the season so it pays to be flexible and haul all your gear. Thanks

to Commodore Tomaso Sargent, this year's racing award was a

sturdy canvas tote bag with the BABA logo and "2009 Race Series Winner" embroidered on it. Bags with the BABA logo may be available to purchase during the season - stay tuned!

**Janice Emerling** was awarded the **2009 Pat Pugh Service Award** for her dedication to sharing windsurfing enthusiasm and skills with new sailors as BABA Clinic Coordinator and event organizer. Janice has been championing the Learn to Windsurf Clinic for many years, as well as coordinating freestyle, longboard and open topic clinics with professional instructor Petra Kanz at the Gunpowder. **Mark Bandy** and **Mark Saunders** of **East of Maui** generously sponsored the award with a gift certificate to their store.

### Speed Quest

Prizes were awarded to the fastest BABA-man and BABA-woman. **Craig Heffner** posted the fastest overall speed of 29.9 knots at Assateague Sound, and **Amber Kasbeer** reached a speed of 22 knots on the Pamlico Sound in Avon, NC. Their top performances were averaged from five of their best 10 second runs during the reported session.



Craig Heffner and Roger Fitzgerald



Colin Pitts and Tom Caswell



Paul Smith and Tomaso Sargent

**Thank you Commodore Tomaso for another great season of BABA racing!**

# Racing News

## 2009 Race Series Results

### Women's 7.5

1st - Janice Emerling  
 2nd - Helen Van Gelder

### 7.5 Limited

1st - Tom Sargent

### Open

1st - Carsten Boekholt  
 2nd - Kevin Gaston  
 3rd - Colin Pitts

### Novice

1st Ali Soylu  
 2nd Ludovico Belli  
 3rd Doug May



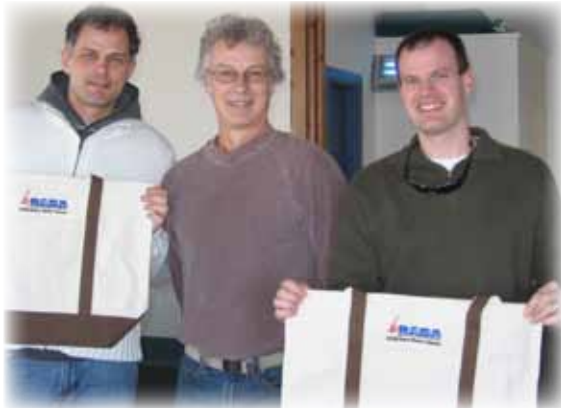
*Tommaso Sargent and Janice Emerling*

**Novice Winners - come to the Gerry Brown Memorial Race to claim your "trophy" - a terrific canvas gear bag with "2009 Race Series Winner" embroidered below the Baba logo.**

## BABA 1 Race 11th Annual Gerry Brown Memorial Race for Cancer Research

Sunday, April 25th  
 Rocky Point Park, Essex, MD  
 Sponsored by Ezzy and  
 New England Windsurfing Journal

Come on out and celebrate the official opening of the 2010 BABA Race Series. This is a joint windsurfing and sailboat race with **Baltimore County Sailing Center**. Race fees and other tax deductible contributions will be presented to the Sidney Kimmel Comprehensive Cancer Center at Johns Hopkins in memory of Gerry Brown. If you don't race, please consider sponsoring a racer and making a contribution. A pledge form can be downloaded from the BABA website. We look forward to a big turnout for the first race of the season! More details and the Notice of Race will be available on the BABA website soon.



*Carsten Boekholt, Tommaso Sargent, Colin Pitts*



## Formula Windsurfing Festival 2010

April 29 - May 2 in Yorktown, Virginia

Kashy Fins, Windsurfing Enthusiasts of Tidewater and BABA are hosting the 2010 Formula Windsurfing Festival. The festival is the brain child of WET member, formula racer and fin maestro Dave Kashy and will be held on the bay at the home of **Dave & Melissa Kashy** in Yorktown, VA. Registration is limited due to space concerns (how many rigged formula sails can you put on your front yard?). Principal Race Officer is Darren Rogers, who's run The Gorge Cup Race series since 1992 along with many other races including the Calema Midwinters and the Kona and Techno North American Championships in 2010. Micah Buzianis, heavyweight pro world champion is already registered and will push the competition up a few notches. BABA Racers **Tommaso Sargent, Tom Caswell and Alan Bernau** are also registered. For more information go to [http://www.kashyfins.com/Formula\\_Windsurfing\\_Festival\\_2010/index.html](http://www.kashyfins.com/Formula_Windsurfing_Festival_2010/index.html)



# Speed Quest, Clinics & Access News

## Speed Quest Update

**Roger Fitzgerald** continues to lead the BABA Speed Quest with his 5x10 sec. average speed of 27.127 knots and 2 sec max. of 28.749 knots. This speed was recorded in November 2009 and not too many entries have come in during this extremely snowy winter. The bay water is above 40 now, and March and April often bring good winds, so strap on that GPS, log your speeds, and send them in. The shallow waters of Assateague Bay warm up quickly - it might be time for an early season trip to the ocean.

Registration form and details on Speed Quest are available at [www.windsurfbaba.org](http://www.windsurfbaba.org). If you have questions or gps tracks to submit contact Roger at [fitz@qis.net](mailto:fitz@qis.net) or Craig Heffner at [heffnha@verizon.net](mailto:heffnha@verizon.net).

## BABA Clinics for 2010

by Janice Emerling

In years gone by, BABA had clinics for sailors who had advanced beyond beginner skills. The instructor was Petra Kanz, a professional windsurf instructor, whose current home base is Lakes Bay, NJ. Petra can offer whatever clinics a group of four to six people could ask for: long boards, short board skills, freestyle, sailhandling...whatever. Many of our members have taken group or individual lessons with Petra here or in Hatteras, and benefitted greatly.

I would be delighted to make a two day clinic happen at the Gunpowder. I just need to hear from a few of you, then I'll start an email campaign to fill the clinic. Contact me: [janiceemerling@verizon.net](mailto:janiceemerling@verizon.net) or 410-457-4001.

### Learn To Windsurf Clinic

BABA and **Ultimate Watersports** are pleased to announce that Learn to Windsurf 2010 will be held **Sunday, June 27th** at Hammerman Area Gunpowder Falls State Park. It is a unique opportunity for your friends and relatives to be introduced to windsurfing. The clinic will consist of four hours of instruction: on land, on a simulator, and on water practice. The land based instruction will be provided by Hal Ashman's capable staff. On water instruction is supplemented by BABA volunteers.

This year's clinic will cost \$40. Goals of the clinic are for participants are to learn the basics: identify parts of the board and sail, wind direction, uphauling, sailing and a simple upwind turn.

Individual's progress after Learn to Windsurf has varied greatly in previous years. One super star was seen practicing heli tacks at the Oct Hatteras trip the same year he attended LTW! A great opportunity is for participants is that Hal has offered a discount on block time rental- reserve block time the day of the clinic, and practice on Hal's beginner gear thru the summer. Then the first rig the beginner buys can be more advanced gear, the better to advance skills.

More information, and or registration is through me: Janice Emerling, [janiceemerling@verizon.net](mailto:janiceemerling@verizon.net) or 410-457-4001. Please encourage your friends to contact me early, as the clinic has filled every year. This year the clinic is the same day as the BABA race, so we get to see all the more experienced sailors out on the water for inspiration.

## Rocky Point & Mayo Beach News

by Roger Fitzgerald

### Rocky Pt Golf Course Beach Cleanup

**Sunday, May 16th, 11 am - 3pm**

Bring gloves, trash bags, and trash grabbers to reach into the bushes to pick up the many cans, bottles, and miscellaneous debris that covers much of the beach area at our sailing site. We will try to haul away some of the smaller trash and Baltimore County Rec. and Parks will send a truck for the bulk items. If there is wind we'll sail, otherwise just enjoy the pristine beach after our cleanup is complete. Please contact Mark Raginsky or Roger Fitzgerald with any questions.

### Rocky Point Golf Course Beach Closed May 1st and 2nd

Ballestone Manor will be hosting a Civil War reenactment at this park, so it is closed to windsurfing for those two days.

Rocky Point Golf Course beach is still open for Windsurfing, but the rocks blocking the gravel drive remain in place. I will contact Baltimore County Rec. and Parks to try to get them moved for the prime sailing months of April and May, and certainly for our scheduled clean up the beach day. Photos and publicity about our group working to maintain this sailing site will help make the case for restoring our easy access to the launch site.

### Mayo Beach

Anne Arundel County's plans to stabilize the shoreline at Mayo Beach have been delayed until late Fall 2010 and after the East Coast Championships scheduled for September 11 - 12, 2010.

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## May Day! May Day! We're Going Down! Hatteras May Trip Update

The countdown to BABA's annual Spring Trip to Hatteras Island has begun. You can easily flip to it on your calendar. You can smell it in the air, filling every deep breath with the fresh smells of Spring-liberated earth and water. You can see it in the light - as of March 21, the days outlast the nights. You can feel it in the air - warmer air - air that the birds fly back to us on, along with the wind that will help us mimic their flight over water. We start marking the time. We remember. We anticipate.

It won't be long now.

This year's trip, May 1-7, is already a sell-out. In fact, all spaces were taken by mid January. So we added another house. And that one filled up before February 1. So we added another house. Which filled up by Valentines' Day. So now we're out of possible houses to rent. But not out of hope, because we've started a waiting list (usually there are a few last minute cancellations).

Word has got 'round that the May Trip is the best thing going in the world of windsurfing, especially during a recession. A full week of warm water, plenty of wind

(if the last 3 years are any indication), long days, star-filled skies, a terrific launch, room to rig, free parties, and all for less than a night's NYC hotel stay.

This year we've filled 7 houses with 47 windsurfers, so this will be the largest May Trip on record. We have people coming from as far north as Vermont and as far west as Ohio. We have a full complement of old friends and a fresh batch of new faces. We have a good mix of guys and gals.

And, as always, we've got a lot of learning to do. This year, like last, we'll be able to subsidize lessons for whoever wants to improve their skills (everyone?). We'll have our welcoming "meet and greet" pizza party on Monday in one of the new houses with a terrific game room that includes pool, foosball, and a poker table! We'll have the use of our Island Creek community pool (don't forget your bathing suit), We'll have our on-the-water lunch on Thursday - that is, if we can ever get anyone off the water! And we'll enjoy a 10%



discount from all the local windsurfing shops because it's BABA week in Hatteras.

Hey, take a lesson; and treat yourself to some new equipment. After this long slog through a record-breaking Winter, haven't you earned it? I don't know about you, but I've pulled out the videos and I'm getting very, very stoked!

The May Trip is still taking reservations for spots on the waiting list (see the Jan/Feb issue of BABAnews for reservation forms). For all those lucky enough to get a room, look for room assignments to be sent out around April 15th.

**Coby Leyden**  
**BABA May Trip Coordinator**  
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## USA Junior Olympic Sailing Festival Chesapeake Bay Open Rock Hall Yacht Club, Rock Hall, MD - July 9 - 11, 2010

The 2010 USA Junior Olympic Sailing Festival - Chesapeake Bay Open includes two full days of regatta competition for Optimist, Laser Radial, Club 420, Hobie 16, and Boardsailing classes at the Rock Hall Yacht Club on July 9-11. Beginner to champion junior sailors ages 8 -18 can enjoy clinics and open practice on Friday. Class racing, fun family events, food and beverages are planned for Saturday and Sunday on Langford Bay. The Festival, organized by U.S. Sailing and sponsored by West Marine, will conclude on Sunday afternoon with an official closing and awards ceremony for Junior Olympics and CBYRA Junior Championships. Spectators, Junior Sailors and their families, friends, and coaches are welcome. Register and learn more at [www.rockhallyachtclub.org/jo](http://www.rockhallyachtclub.org/jo) or contact Rock Hall Yacht Club at [jo2010@rockhallyachtclub.org](mailto:jo2010@rockhallyachtclub.org) or (410) 639-2182.

### About the USA Junior Olympic Sailing Festival program

US SAILING, national governing body for the sport of sailing and sailboat racing, organizes the USA Junior Olympic Sailing Festival program. This year, more than 4,500 junior sailors will participate in 25 Junior Olympic events at yacht clubs and community sailing programs across the country. West Marine, official marine retailer of US SAILING, is presenting sponsor of the program. Gill is official supplier of technical apparel. More information on these events can also be found at [www.ussailing.org/youth/racing/jo](http://www.ussailing.org/youth/racing/jo).

## Bonaire 2010

by Willem VanDenBerg

I spent February 7 - 20 on Bonaire. For those of you who haven't been there yet: go! Bonaire has long been known as a great scuba diving destination, so much so that when you fill out your customs form they ask you whether you are there for business, honeymoon, or diving. Finally now they also include windsurfing among the choices you can check.

Not that windsurfing hasn't been very big there for a long time. Lac Bay is warm and shallow, making up-hauling or waterstarting unnecessary unless you specifically go where it's deep. (Or you never crash.) It is a perfect place to practice jibing or whatever moves you're trying that make you crash all the time.



Andy Brandt

There are two windsurfing centers, back to back: Jibe City ([www.jibecity.com/](http://www.jibecity.com/)) and Bonaire Windsurf Place ([www.bonairewindsurfplace.com/](http://www.bonairewindsurfplace.com/)). I'm partial to the former, mostly by habit, and because that's where ABK have their clinics. (I always attend an ABK clinic there each year.) I've gotten to know the people pretty well, and some of the coolest windsurfing stars tend to hang out there.

The closest lodging to Lac Bay is Kon Tiki Beach Club ([www.kontikibonaire.com/](http://www.kontikibonaire.com/)), also a place where I really like the people. Later this year the former naturist resort next door to Jibe City will be turned into a windsurfers' hotel, which will be the ultimate in windsurfing convenience.

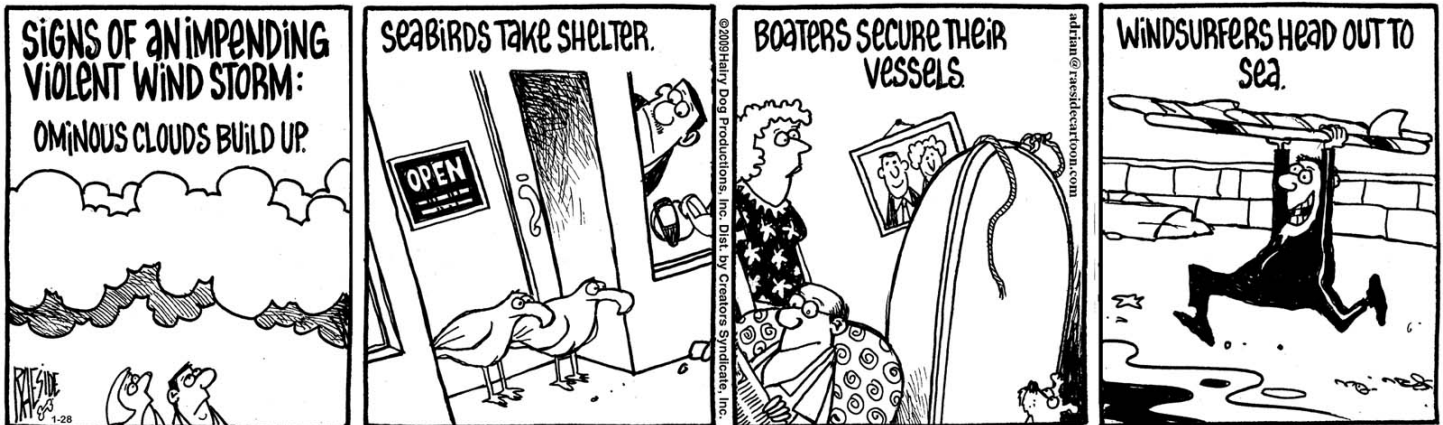
I injured my wrist on the 4th day, and for the next 4 days I didn't sail and spent a good bit of time exploring the island. There's a donkey sanctuary, great bird watching, and lots of interesting flora



Tonky Frans

and wildlife, not to mention outstanding snorkeling and scuba diving. For the rest of my two weeks I took it pretty easy, wearing a wrist brace and having only short sessions. I used my camera a lot, including getting some video of local superstar Tonky Frans doing one of those spinning tricks whose names I haven't learned. You can see it on <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jgNQe7PKHo4>

## The Other Coast - Small Craft Warning, by Adrian Raeside



Thanks to **Gil Wright** for sharing this cartoon strip with me, and a big THANK YOU to the cartoonist Adrian Raeside for allowing us to reprint it. When I e-mailed Mr. Raeside to ask permission I inquired if he was a windsurfer and he replied, "I actually haven't windsurfed myself, but used to live by the ocean and was intrigued how they always seemed to know when a storm was impending."

<http://raesidecartoon.com/>

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## 2010 BABA CALENDAR

**Sunday, March 21 - 2pm**  
Steering Committee Mtg  
Mark Raginsky's house

**Sunday, April 18**  
East of Maui Spring Swap  
Annapolis, MD

**Sunday, April 25**  
BABA 1 Race  
Gerry Brown Memorial  
Cancer Research Fundraiser  
Joint sailing and windsurfing  
fundraising event for Johns  
Hopkins Cancer Center with  
the Baltimore Cty Sailing Ctr  
Rocky Point Park, Essex

**April 29 - May 2**  
Formula Windsurfing Festival  
Yorktown, VA

**May 1 - 2**  
Rocky Point Golf Course Beach  
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Civil War Re-enactment

**May 1 - 8**  
Spring Hatteras Trip

**Sunday, May 16, 11am-3pm**  
Rocky Pt Golf Course  
Beach Cleanup

**May 22 & 23**  
BABA 2 and 3 Races  
Campout and Regatta  
Gunpowder State Park -  
Hammerman Area

**Sunday, June 6**  
BABA 4 Race  
Mayo Beach Park, Mayo, MD

**Sunday, June 27**  
BABA 5 Race  
and  
BABA Learn to Windsurf Clin-  
ic with Ultimate Watersports  
Gunpowder State Park -  
Hammerman Area

**July 9 - 11**  
USA Junior Olympic Sailing  
Festival Chesapeake Bay Open  
Rock Hall Yacht Club  
Rock Hall, MD

**July 18, 2010**  
BABA 6 Race  
Gunpowder State Park -  
Hammerman Area

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

**October 9 - 16**  
Fall Hatteras Trip

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

### Need more information?

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



## Fun with Words

by Coby Leyden,  
dedicated follower of BABA

Another fun fact found on a Snapple cap...Bet you don't know what a group of Jellyfish is called.... Well, if there are enough to keep you out of the water, that group is called a "Smack."

Which got me to thinking... You're probably familiar with some of the common animal group names, like:

- a "herd" of antelope
- a "culture" of bacteria
- a "bevy" of quail
- a "pride" of lions'
- a "pod" of whales.

And maybe not so much with these:  
a "battery" of barracuda  
an "exaltation" of Lark  
a "prickle" of porcupines

So then, in order to achieve more recognition, obviously we need a name for a group of windsurfers. After all, has the sport become so commonplace that all we can hope for from passing motorists on route 12 is: "Look, there's a bunch of windsurfers"? I don't know about you, but I don't want to be associated with bananas, grapes, push-pins, or any other group people tend to use "a bunch of" to acknowledge.

No, we need something better.  
1)Perhaps: a "blowing" of windsurfers...(Nah, too close to "blowhard,"

and we don't want people just to associate us with our running mouths and outlandish stories.

2) Or maybe: a "rigging" of windsurfers...(No, not this either...after all, not everyone can tie a bowline, and we don't want any boy scouts on a vision quest to show us up)

3) So I settled on this: a "CONTENTMENT" of windsurfers. Yeah! Now you're talkin'!

Windsurfers always seem to have smiles on their faces, right? Besides, a "contentment" of windsurfers will get non-windsurfers wondering just what we've discovered. ("Gee, honey, they don't SEEM to be doing drugs...maybe we ought to look into this...")

### BABA T's, Hoodies, Caps and RashGuards



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

BABA Gear will be for sale at BABA events throughout the season.



*I was just cruising the internet and found this photo. It looks to me like the modern sail-design folks might have received inspiration from nature on a warm & lazy Spring day. Could it be that God was a closet windsurfer?*

*Coby Leyden*

# Shop News....Shop News....Shop News....



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**FYI:** You may have heard rumors that we were moving or closing the store. The truth is that we have been in lease renewal negotiations for over a year, and there was a real possibility that we going to have to move the store. At the time of this newsletter, we have finally worked out a lease and it looks like East of Maui will be staying in our current location in the Riva Festival Shopping Center in Annapolis.

## **EAST OF MAUI/NAISH SUP RACE SERIES**

In addition to our Tuesday night SUP Clinics we will be hosting a SUP race series in conjunction with the clinic. At this time we are still working out details, but in addition to the Tuesday night races there will be a couple of events on the weekends too. There will be a minimum of 6 races with points awarded in the 12'6" Class. Top points winners in both men's and women's classes will be invited to the Naish Championships later in the summer.

East of Maui has added even more to its SUP product lines this year and will have everything you need to get into this fast growing and exciting sport. To find out more stop by the shop or give us a call.

## **GET FIT GO FAST!**

We are working with Annapolis Sailing Fitness to develop a Boardsports Fitness program based around SUP boards. In addition to many Olympic and Americas Cup sailors, Annapolis Sailing Fitness has also worked with BABA member (and windsurfing rock star) **Farrah Hall**. Stay tuned for more details, and be sure to check out [www.annapolissailingfitness.com](http://www.annapolissailingfitness.com).

## **SPRING SWAP (New date) SUNDAY, APRIL 18, 2010**

We have changed the date of the SWAP to prevent a conflict with the BABA Race Calendar. Please help spread the word. (Originally scheduled for April 25th)

We guarantee being in better shape will make a difference in your windsurfing! We hope to post some windsurfing fitness tips on [www.eastofmaui.blogspot.com](http://www.eastofmaui.blogspot.com).

## **NEW WINDSURFING GEAR ARRIVING SOON!**

We should be seeing our first shipments of windsurfing gear towards the end of the month. We will primarily be focusing on Ezzy, Naish, and Sailworks sails, and Bic, Exocet, Naish, Starboards for boards. Please remember, that just because you don't see it on our sales floor doesn't mean we can't get it for you.

**NEW CHINOOK BOOMS** will be available towards the end of March or the 1st part of April. The Pro 1 Alloy booms have exceptional torsional rigidity and fit both standard and reduced diameter masts perfectly. The booms will sell for \$225.

We still have a few of the Aluminum Triple Clamp booms available for \$179. Once they are gone, they are gone.

## **BABA ONE-DESIGN FLEET**

East of Maui wants to support BABA racing and the development of a one-design fleet on the Chesapeake. We are offering discounts on Bic and Kona One Design packages and will work with Exocet and Bic on fleet pricing if there's enough interest. Contact us for more information.

*Aloha,  
Mark & Mark  
East of Maui*

# 2010 Membership Application



New Member       Renewal

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

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: \_\_\_\_\_

### 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 1/1/10 - 12/31/10)

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

Mail to: Ann Jackson  
 BABA Membership Coordinator  
 124 Bay Park Way  
 Severna Park, MD 21146

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 visit our Web Site at [www.windsurbaba.org](http://www.windsurbaba.org)

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