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BABA Winter Party

by Daphne Lathouras

A big thank you to **Jeff and Linda Riach** for hosting the BABA Winter Party on Saturday, February 25. A hearty bunch of folks showed up to enjoy the food and drink, share travel tips on windsurfing destinations and plot out the new season. **Maureen Pritchard** slaved over the stove and much of the party preparation and clean-up in her first public role as BABA Chair. **Marc Rosen & Janice Emerling** were also a big help with the preparations. Whew, that was an awesome dessert table... I hope everyone can squeeze into their wetsuits this spring!

It was nice to see some new faces at the party including **Dave McKibbon**, a Hatteras trip regular known for sleeping on the deck rather than in his comfy Island Creek bed. Notably absent were Winter Party founder **Chuck Schnee and wife Jackie** whose busy schedule took them to the Poconos rather than Cockeysville! **Linda Riach** told several of us that she's "retired" from the family business and may join us for more local windsurfing this season (if Jeff can run things without her). All in all, a great way to start a new windsurfing year. More pictures on page 7.

Ah, Membership Renewal Time - It Must be Spring!

It's that time again-time to renew your BABA membership. Complete the membership form on page 11 or download the membership form from the BABA website and send your check for \$20 to Ann Jackson 124 Bay Park Way Severna Park, MD 21146. Please make sure your e-mail address is legible and check e-mail newsletter if you want an electronic version of the newsletter. \$20 is the best value around for a fabulous newsletter, great racing and

fun trips to Hatteras. Don't procrastinate, don't be late, join today and don't wait! If you're planning to go on the May Hatteras trip and have not renewed yet, please send your membership renewal form and check along with your trip reservation and payment to Bill Anderson. He'll forward all of the membership information to me.

*Ann Jackson
Membership*



(left) Leon Strauss hands over his dues to Ann Jackson at the Winter Party

Chairman's Message

It was great to see everyone who was able to make it out for the mid-winter party at **Jeff and Linda Riach's** on Saturday, Feb. 25. As usual, it was a perfect setting, wonderful gathering full of plenty of food and drink and lots of what's new, what's up, where have you been and where are you going? We all like to share in new adventures. Each year they seem to get better.

I was rather humbled by the strength of our members. Almost without exception, you are all much better and more experienced windsurfers than I ever expect to be. Hopefully, I will learn much from all of you - both on and off the water.

I'm sure that I can speak for all BABA members in thanking **Marc Rosen** for his hard work and dedication in leading our club the past two years. Marc is not leaving, but rather moving over into the position of sponsorship coordinator this year. If anyone is interested in working with Marc by handling sponsors or potential sponsors who are not part of Marc's normal territory it would result in a greater number of prizes for our raffles during the year. Again, thank you Marc for your

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David McKibbon and Jeff Riach

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*



*Maureen Pritchard and
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Chairman's Message continued

hard work for our club.

Fan Pat and Colin Pitts have joined the steering committee as Members at Large this year. Both Colin and Fan are avid racers and are active with the Race Committee and pitched in to help with many other activities this past year. Additionally, **Mike McCormick** will serve as Secretary. Mike is a long-time BABA member, active with the Race Committee and membership duties (as assigned by Ann Jackson). I'd also like to thank the other Steering Committee members for agreeing to continue with their roles in the club - **Janice Emerling, Bill Anderson, Ann Jackson, Daphne Lathouras, Steve Melnick, Tom Sargent, Helen Van Gelder and Mark Raginsky.**

Personally I've felt a little intimidated and shy when it came to asking questions at various BABA events and gatherings when I heard comments about matters with which I was unfamiliar. In the hopes that there are a couple of people like me out there who may eventually be willing to come forward (or answer a call for help) in leading or helping our club, I've decided that we should spend some time this year making sure that our membership understands what we hope to achieve as a club and hear about the decisions the steering committee makes along the way. If we're boring you with details, I apologize. Just be sure to read the rest of the newsletter!

It would be a pleasure to hear from any and all of you (mopritchard@comcast.net). Let us know if we're providing the right type of stories in our newsletter; how we can increase our membership and base of support; if we are providing appropriate clinic and learning experiences for you and your families and friends; if you like our demo opportunities; how you are enjoying the Hatteras trips and what can we do to make them better.

Together, we can make it happen. Here's to a great year!

Maureen



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.

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

Racing...Clinics...Demos

WET Spring Regatta & Beach Sports Challenge April 28 - 30, 2006

The WET Spring Regatta is part of the MidAtlantic Series and the National Racing Tour of US Windsurfing. The Beach Sports Challenge is an informal event on Friday, April 28 and will not be scored for either race series and may include enduro or long-distance racing for the non-formula sailors.

The racing location and lodging details are still being worked out. In past years the WET regattas have been located at Days Inn at Willoughby Spit, but the property has been sold for development and is currently closed to windsurfing.

Cost for the regatta is \$70 for Formula and \$50 for other classes. The Beach Sports Challenge on Friday is free. Meals are provided for racers.

For the Notice of Race go to www.sailwet.com or contact Dave Kashy at kashyr@cox.net for more information. Please e-mail Dave asap if you're planning to compete in the regatta.

Windfest at Mayo?

Join **East of Maui** at Mayo Beach Park on May 13 from 10 until 5 for a day of Windsurfing Fun. Test ride new gear from **Bic Sports, Chinook Sailing Products, DAKINE, EZZY Sails, Fiberspar Sports, Gaastra Sails, HiFly, Tiga**, and a few others.

\$5 admission fee per sailor helps defray park costs. Sodas provided for your drinking pleasure. Contact East of Maui 410-573-WIND (<http://www.eastofmauiboardshop.com/>) or Marc Rosen 410-374-1230. Brought to you by *Aix sponsa*.

Ed. Note: If there are any BABA members who would like to manage a BABA table at this event, please contact Marc Rosen. Admission fee is waved for the volunteers.

Burnt Weeny Sandwich and Baked Bean Boogie!

The 6th Annual April Fools Wave Jumping Contest and Hotdog Roast will be held on (When Else?) , **April 1** at the Baltimore County Sailing Center at Rocky Point Park in Essex Maryland. (<http://windsurbaba.org/pages/launches/launchnews.htm>). Rain -or snow - date is April 2

Test the new **EZZY** Infinities and Wave SEs rigged on **Chinook** booms and components. Try out the 2006 **HiFly** MADDs and FREE boards. Immerse yourself in a form fitting **DAKINE** harness. Taste the hotdogs, baked beans and hot chocolate. Listen to the Mothers of Invention!

This FREE demo is sponsored by **EZZY SAILS, Chinook/HiFLY, and DAKINE**. It is brought to you by *Aix Sponsa* in conjunction with **East of Maui, Annapolis** (<http://www.eastofmauiboardshop.com/>)

Contact Marc Rosen, 410-374-1230 or duckbite@qis.net

“Get your shoes and socks on people, it’s right around the corner”

U.S. Sailing Windsurfing Instructor Course

June 1st thru 4th, 2006
Gunpowder Falls State Park - Hammerman Area
Baltimore, Maryland

Instructor training certification courses are offered right here at Ultimate Watersports by U.S. Sailing Instructor Trainer, Hal Ashman, a nationally certified windsurfing instructor since 1985, and one of only a handful of Certified Instructor Trainers in the U.S.

US SAILING has existed since 1897 as a non-profit group in support of sailing. It was recognized by the US Congress as the National Governing Body for the Sport of Sailing in the Amateur Sports Act of 1978. It has supported windsurfing training since the early 1980s and works very closely with the United States Windsurfing Association (USWA).

This 4-day course is designed for windsurfers who are excellent communicators and are seeking to teach beginners the sport of sailing on sailboards. The Windsurfing Instructor Course uses materials designed by US SAILING specifically to guide instructors toward introducing the sport of windsurfing safely and quickly, with a minimum of difficulty for the student. Built on many of the precepts of the dinghy instructional program, the Windsurfing Instructor course emphasizes fun and achievement.

Certification is \$275.00 plus US SAILING membership. Certification is good for 3 years.

Questions? Call us at 410-335-5352, or check out:

http://www.ussailing.org/training/windsurfing/windsurfing_instructor.htm

Petra Kanz
Windsurfing Clinics
2006

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Racing...Clinics...Demos

11th Annual Gerry Brown Memorial Windsurfing Race (BABA I) Sunday, May 21, 2006

BABA, along with the **New England Windsurfing Journal**, and **EZZY Sails** are sponsoring the 11th Annual Gerry Brown Memorial Windsurfing Race at the Baltimore County Sailing Center at Rocky Point Park. Sailboats are welcome too. We'll be raising funds for cancer research at the Sidney Kimmell Center at Johns Hopkins. Come on out and join BABA for the first race of the season, and help with the fight against cancer. A pledge sheet for contributions can be found on the Racing page of the BABA website (www.windsurfbaba.org) or can be mailed to you by contacting Marc Rosen. See you there!



Johns Hopkins Medicine recognizes BABA for their generosity with a plaque as seen in the lobby of the Sidney Kimmell Comprehensive Cancer Center's Cancer Research Building I.

BABA/Petra Kanz Clinics for 2006

by Janice Emerling, Clinic Coordinator

To all of you dreaming of warmer weather and time on the water:

It's time to give some thought to our professional clinic schedule for 2006. I need to know what people are interested in learning and when you want to plan a clinic.

Last year we had to cancel two clinics at the last minute due to insufficient number of registrants. I reckon this is due to a combination of things - timing, busy people, whatever. So, this year we'll only schedule a clinic if we have a firm commitment from interested parties. And if we have any hope of getting decent dates from Petra we need to book as soon as possible.

If you are interested in a clinic of any kind, please let me know. Clinic topics could include....

- sail handling
- long boards
- short boards
- free style
- you suggest a topic and we'll ask Petra, I've never seen her unable to teach any topic.

Please contact me by e-mail at jemerling@earthlink.net

See you on the water.





BABA IN AVON

May 6th thru May 13th, 2006



We are now taking reservations for the BABA spring trip to the Outer Banks of North Carolina!

We have reserved the best houses at our favorite windsurfing site on Hatteras Island! Return participants will recognize them as Island Dawn, Island Thunder, Island Storm and Island Sky. These are the newest and roomiest houses in the Island Creek development, and all have hot tubs. The private rooms all include a private bath. We will have grassy rigging areas, secure indoor equipment storage rooms and nice gathering areas, all on Pamlico Sound. Come along and bring your friends and family, or just your favorite boards! Please contact Bill Anderson if you have questions: 410-757-8705 or wilmeaux@verizon.net.

New this year is the rule that all trip participants need to be BABA members. If you haven't yet paid your 2006 dues, you may send in your membership application and the \$20 dues along with your reservation.

The prices are \$190 for a shared room and \$400 for a private room. In order to guarantee your place in the wind, sun and fun that goes with BABA's Avon excursions, please complete the following information and send it in as soon as possible:

NAME _____

EMAIL _____

_____ *Queen/King private room @\$400*

name of person sharing room (if any) _____

_____ *Shared space or den @ \$190*

name, if desired, of person you would like to share room with: _____

Cancellation policy: *With notification of at least 2 months before a trip, BABA will provide a 100% refund. After that date, refunds are made if the space can be re-rented.*

Signature

Date

Make your membership renewal and trip reservation check payable to BABA and send to:

*Bill Anderson
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Southern Migration

by Mark Weinman

Can you guess what BABA windsurfers have in common with the Baltimore Orioles? *Icterus gabula* otherwise known as the "Baltimore Oriole" may be found wintering in the mountains of Costa Rica. After returning from a 5th annual winter windsurfing trip to Lake Arenal, Costa Rica, I have a new found respect for our baseball team's mascot.

This past January, the Lake delivered another stellar week of sailing conditions. This year, **Steve Cohen**, and I flew to Costa Rica's northern international airport of Liberia. We were greeted by 25 knot winds as we got off the plane. The drive to the lake from Liberia is half the distance as the transfer from San Jose airport. The last 5 miles of the drive was quite interesting in light of the fact that early winter rains had produced an abundance of 3 foot diameter

Steve Cohen



potholes within the paved roads and the dirt road to the sailing site was riddled with axle deep mud. We arrived in time to drop off our boards and see the sailors coming off the water from an afternoon of 4.0 sailing. We met our friends Ron and Marsha Blake (from Phoenix) at the Rock River Lodge. After a great dinner, the night proved restless with 35 knot winds and driving rains pounding on the sheet metal roof of the bungalow. Although the noise makes it a challenge to sleep, this is a sure sign of big winds the next day.

The dining area at the lodge provides a great overview of the sailing site at the west end of the lake. At breakfast there were sunny skies and we could see solid whitecaps from shore to shore of the lake. A small power boat was attempting to go up-wind; as it threw a 20 foot plume of spray off the bow. Driving to the sailing site we knew it was going to be a big day. We started out on 3.7's but soon realized we needed 3.3's to manage the wind. This proved to be a very tough and humbling first day. Even the locals were commenting on the rarity of winds this strong. That eve-



Mark Weinman gets big air.

ning, the familiar roar of the night winds, were once again beating on the bungalow's metal roof.

We awoke the next day to sore muscles, bruised egos and blue skies. The winds had backed off to 4.2 conditions. Relative to the prior day, this was easy sailing and quite manageable. If we were at home, 4.2 conditions would be epic, especially with warm water, 90 degree temperature and sunny skies. At Arenal, this is just another typical day of sailing. The rest of the week was just as good. We experienced sunny days and rain showers at night. Sailors enjoyed 4.2-5.2 winds the rest of the week with one day of kite lessons on a light wind (equal to 6.0 sailing) day. With regret we had to leave after one week, but you can be sure I am already looking forward to my next winter trip to the lake.

Winter Sailing Update

by Roger Fitzgerald

BABA's mid-winter party date of February 25th made me think of getting out on the water, and with a forecast of 50 degrees and 15-25 mph winds with "gusts to 40", the next step was to find another sailor willing to brave the 38 degree water.

After publishing an appeal on my email list of local sailors, I got several responses, ranging from: "you're F-ing crazy", to "I'm committed to working on my deck", then finally this one: "where do you want to sail?". The willing sailor was **Mark Raginsky**, and we got our 2006

season started at Lake Marburg in Codorus State Park, Pennsylvania. The sailing was just OK as the big wind gusts held off until closer to dark. But Mark and I did get some gratifying responses from land-bound BABA members at the party.

Of course die-hard cold weather sailors like **Mark Weinman** and **Fred Hylla** had already gotten out a few weeks earlier in February, so when the forecast called for NW 20-25 on Saturday, March 4th, I knew who to email. Water temperature at Thomas Point was listed as 39 degrees, not a time for solo sailing. Rocky Pt. was

the call, and the sunshine and fairly steady winds from 12 noon until 3 made for some excellent sailing. **Mark W., Fred H., Tom Hollowell, Steve Cohen, and I** sailed on 85 to 105 liter boards with 5.2, 5.8, and 6.0 sails. This was an excellent day with gusts that were well into the high 20's, we flattened our sails and enjoyed the sunshine. No one spent too much time in the water and we all managed to get in when the wind started to lose strength around 3. I sailed a total of 28.9 miles with a max. GPS speed of 31.7 mph, both highs for 2006 on my second sailing day.

Have Surplus Gear? Consider BCSC

by Bob Catzen

Unlike the rest of the BABA members, over the years I have managed to accumulate a lot of sailboard equipment I am no longer interested in using. When I bought it, I thought it was forever, but in windsurfing forever is about a year and a half. Soooo, what do you do with a 1991 Bic E –Rock? It is in perfectly good condition and is still great in a chop, but few people are interested in buying them now.

I bet there are at least five of these boards in BABA whose owners are looking for a way to dispose of them. Since there are so many around, perhaps there would be interest in setting up a one design class. I called Gene Nuth of the Baltimore County Sailing Center (BCSC) and discussed the idea with him. He thought it would be great if they could build an inventory of sailboards to use in its Learn to Sail and Summer Camp programs.

The Baltimore County Sailing Center (BCSC), established in 1993 as a member program of the Back River Neck Recreation Council, a 501(c)3 non-profit organization, has as its purpose the offering of a full range of sailing opportunities, from

learn to sail to racing to sponsoring regattas. The Center is open to anyone with an interest and the time to sail or kayak—no membership is required. The Sailing Center runs its programs on waterfront property at Rocky Pint Park in Essex. It is owned and maintained by the Baltimore County Department of Recreation and Parks

Because of the Center's status as a 501(C)3, non profit organization donations made to it can qualify as a tax deduction. Donations of sail boards and equipment will allow the Center to add sailboarding as one of the sailing experiences in the Center's one week summer camp session at the end of the summer camp season. This camp session is designed for the more experienced campers who are looking to expand their sailing experiences.

They will need as many as 6 sailboards. Currently one of their summer instructors is also an experienced sailboarder so they will have no problems in the instruction phase. Gene Nuth mentioned that the Center will likely have a need for a certified sailboard instructor in the near future. If you or any of your sailboarding friends are certified (or not),

and would like to become certified, contact Gene Nuth and he can refer you to the appropriate people. Additionally, the Center has a continuing need for volunteers. Give Gene or the Center a call (410. 391-0196) or check out their web site: bcsailing.org

I do not know to what extent the BCSC could be used as a launch pad for future sailboarders or future BABA members, but it seems to me that we may have resources within BABA to augment their programs which in turn may develop more interest in ours. A win/win situation.

We want to be constructive with our donations and need to be sure BCSC does not become a toxic waste dump for unusable sailboard equipment. NO....no you can't get rid of tie on booms or small sinker boards here. I think they can use "user friendly" long boards, anything that is wide for learning and nothing below 105 liters. As to sails, they should be in usable condition and newer than five years.

The person to contact for equipment donations is Gene Nuth at the BCSC 401-426-8505 or by e-mail sleepyg@erols.com or visit their web site www.bcsailing.org.



BABA Winter Party

clockwise from top left..... Sandy Rollins and Bob Catzen, Linda Grande and Janice Emerling, Paula and Marc Rosen, Roger Fitzgerald (l) and Craig Heffner.



Rails, Tails, and Rocker

By Coby Leyden, dedicated follower of BABA

Question: How is buying a board like buying a bottle of wine?

Answer: It's the Jargon.

Huh?

OK, I'll explain. Jargon is the technical terminology or characteristic idiom of a special activity or group. Such as: windsurfers. Such as: wine lovers (the jargon for whom is "oenophiles," in case you were wondering).

It's true, right? We're all at least a bit intimidated by the "special language" you need to discuss a bottle of wine you might like to buy, or a even glass you're having with dinner at a restaurant. For starters, you need to know concepts like "nose, bouquet, body, palate, and finish." You've got to understand terms like "residual sugar, fruit, tannin, terroir," and be intimately familiar with adjectives like "oak-y, steeley, thin, complex." And Lord knows, you better have spent a lot of time in the produce section of your grocery store, so fresh in your memory are all those fruits and vegetable tastes that oenophiles (winers—as opposed to winos) claim they can taste "hints of" in that bottle or glass. Those of you who have seen the movie Sideways ("Quaffable, but hardly transcendental.") know exactly what I'm talking about.

Jargon, jargon everywhere, but no one stops to think. My latest newsletter from the wine store I frequent claimed the release of the week had "a taste of blackberry and chalk dust." Oh great. Chalk dust! I can't wait to try that one out on my next first date. A real icebreaker.

OK. What does all this have to do with windsurfing?

Well, maybe it's just me, but doesn't it seem that there's a cloud of Jargon you

need to assimilate before you can begin to understand what the guy at the board shop, the dude at the swap meet, the phone unknown from the catalogue store, or the willowy words on the website are trying to communicate to you in order to sell those boards?

Sure, maybe you're a windsurfer who actually understands concept-features like "hard rails" or "tucked tails," or "extended rocker." Maybe you understand what such "features" on a board do for you....how they affect a board's performance...make it faster or slower, easier to turn, harder to dump, more comfortable to ride, less susceptible to chop.

Not me.

My eyes start to glaze over and I go squishy-mind whenever I hear someone point out that "these soft rails make this board really great for jibing." Because I've just read somewhere else that "hard rails really bite into a turn."

No, if you're like me, when they pull out the jargon, I put back my wallet. Because, although I know that "rails" refers to the side edges of the board, I don't really understand the function or desirability of "hard" or "soft" rails. I understand these words when we're talking about "hardball" or "softball." And I understand in politics about "hard money" and "soft money." Heck, I even understand how these words are useful when you're talking with a sex therapist.

But when it comes to hard or soft rails on boards, I'd rather walk than talk. Because I know the conversation is about to become "one way," and I'm almost guaranteed to be headed the wrong direction on Confusion Street at the end of it. It usually takes a couple beers before I can even speak again.

To un-confuse me, someone's got to explain both "what" and "how." What the heck are we talkin' about? And How does

it work?

Simple enough? Too much to ask? I don't think so. If you want my money, you (any board purveyor or swap-meet seller) need to explain in layman's terms the hard rail/soft rail continuum. And while you're at it, can you tell me how much "big rocker" or "little rocker" will float my expectations? And don't stop there! How bout delving into "Tails"? Just look at all the different shapes there are in tails. Pay attention! I'm not talking female anatomy here, I'm referring to the back end of windsurfing boards. Out in the real world, you're gonna find wide, narrow, pinned, notched, winged, and sprung tails. What's all THAT about? Know what I was told? "This shape tail (I can't remember which) releases the water better!" Oh yeah, I can relate to that. Like when you breathe out in yoga and release all your bad vibes from your body.

I dunno. Seems like we're talkin' trash, but not taking out the garbage. It gives me a headache. Come to think of it, maybe THAT'S why some people get headaches whenever they drink wine? They just need to be released from the jargon.

From Tiesda Yu (the Starboard designer)

Hard rails describe rails of a board that have clear, defined sharp edge on them. Soft rails describe rails of a board that have little or no clear and sharp edge on them at all.

How they affect a board's performance and feel depends on how these features are used, and where they are used on the board as a board can often have hard rails towards the tail, blending into a soft rail towards the nose. People generally call them hard or soft because hard rails tend to make the board feel harder on the water, and soft rails tend to make a board feel... well, softer!

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rails are not the only parameters that will affect how a board performs. This is when we get to rockerlines.

The rockerline describes the curvature of the board's underwater hull centreline, running from the very tail of the board to the very nose tip. Just like rail shapes, rockers come in all sorts of different shapes and sizes, and can be described in a million different ways: at the end of the day, it's just a curve!

The jargon comes in when comparing rockerlines.

When comparing two curves against each other, one can be described as longer or shorter than the other. One may be less curved, the other would be more curved. Sometimes they could be the same along certain sections, becoming more or less curved in other sections only.

A less curved rocker, especially the ones that are completely flat in back, tend to be faster, while more curved rockers tend to be more lively and maneuverable.

They only tend to do so because the rockerline too is not the only parameter that will affect how a board performs. There are plenty of such parameters that all together describe a board's shape - the width of the board, the volume, the length to name a few - each contributing their little part to the overall performance. Perhaps it's better to see the jargon as descriptions of the little parts that sum up to a greater whole - and then simply enjoy the latter.

And Coby says.....

His description of Hard Rails feeling "harder" on the water, while soft rails feel "softer" is like biting into a waterlogged pretzel. We're still left wondering what a "harder" feel means in terms of performance.

Some helpful comments from Gary Stone of Isthmus Sailboards.....

The harder the rails are along the length of the board the less forgiving the design will be of rider errors. There are really no boards made anymore that have hard rails the full length of the board like 15 years ago. Hard rails in the back 12"-20" of the board give it excellent release and efficient top speed and as the sailor leans into the rail to jibe having a softer, rounder shape farther forward makes it easy to keep the rail from catching in chop and more forgiving in maneuvers.

I think what Tiesda is saying is spot on, all the various elements, rails, tail shape, rocker, outline, volume, volume distribution, fin size, sail size, concaves, "vee" in the bottom, all interrelate with one another to create the final performance of a particular board. Unless one is incredibly well versed in all the parameters from either shaping hundreds of boards or is a very technical individual, the ultimate proof of a board's performance can only be drawn from testing it...and in our windsurf economy here in the US that is almost im-

possible unless you visit a destination resort with a larger selection of boards.

Coby: "Out in the real world, you're gonna find wide, narrow, pinned, notched, winged, and sprung tails. What's all THAT about?"

Gary: Tail designs help determine how easily your board will plane, turn, and how much sail the design can carry. As boards remain fuller from the midpoint to the tail with less rail curve they can be used with a larger sail for a given volume and will also have improved upwind performance, while compromising maneuverability at the same time. The more curve there is from the midpoint to the tail the less upwind ability a board will have but the more maneuverability. Notched, pinned, and winged tails all work toward creating fullness from the midpoint back while ending in a narrower tail section for the last few inches. These shapes tend to be quite responsive to a very hard aggressive style well back on the board though they will likely be more challenging to come out of jibes on a plane. These elements all intertwine with other board design elements to determine the final result of course.

Ed Note: A briefer version of this article will be published in *Windsurfing Magazine* (May?). We thought BABA readers would enjoy the full un-cut version, including the responses from Gary Stone and Tiesda Yu.

Classifieds....Classifieds.....

Sail for Sale:

2003 5.8 Ezzy Wave
SE, used once, new condition-\$250
Contact Craig in Arlington, VA at
(h)703-998-0805, or email at:
craigwcarlson@yahoo.com

Race gear for sale:

Mikes Lab 101 Formula race board \$ 700
Tom Caswell sancaz@bellatlantic.net

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For Sale:

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Newsletter Racing Program Hatteras Trips Clinics Local Trips Social Events Family Fun Day

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: _____

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DUES:

\$20.00 Individual or family (membership year 4/1/06 - 3/31/07)

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