



BABA Chases Hatteras' April Winds

By Coby Leyden (club "newbie")

I sometimes wonder why I do it. Windsurfing, that is.

No, that's not quite right. I often wonder how I'll respond to friends and loved ones who ask me why I do it. As one friend remarked,

"You go out, you come back, you go out, you come back. What's the point?" Another noticed that, "You sit around all day waiting for wind...and how often does that wind blow just like you want?" Or, from my accountant friend, "Lots of gear, lots of money...low return on investment." And the final coup de grace, "Where are all the babes...the windsurfettes?"

It's hard to explain to such well-meaning, advice-giving folks the compelling nature of this sport...even harder to justify it. But ever in search of an improved answer, I decided to sign up for this year's BABA trip to the Outer Banks. Even though it was too early in April, the month T.S Eliot called "the cruelest month." But he wasn't a windsurfer, was he? And besides, who would ever name their own kid "T.S."? Talk about cruel.

Now first, let me explain that I'm not a BABA-ite. I've always just looked for wind with a few close buddies, never with a hoard of hardened sailors from a CLUB, especially one that puts "boardsailing" rather than "windsurfing" in its name. I guess I've always followed in Woody Allen's footsteps ("I'd never want to belong to any club that would have me as a member.")

I imagined the horrors of being the new kid on the trip...my mid-level skills would be ridiculed; I'd end up in a house where 20-somethings pranced around flexing and flashing their buff upper bodies, while other housemates drank beer by the twelve-pack. You get the idea. Not exactly my idea of quality time.

But, desperate for wind, and throwing caution aside, I decided to put valuable vacation time on the line and risk joining the followers of BABA on their semi-annual pilgrimage to their windsurfing Mecca. How bad could it be? And anyway, as a windsurfer, I was accustomed to being treated like a social outcast. (Ask yourself how many times you've refused to make weekend plans with your non-windsurfing friends until you knew absolutely that it wasn't going to blow. Now ask yourself why you seem to have fewer friends).

OK, OK, so what about the trip? For everyone else, the week started Saturday. But because of family commitments (I made the mistake of mar-



Coby Leyden

BABA Family Fun Day Sunday, July 25, 2004 Gunpowder State Park - Hammerman Area

Fun Day is for all members and their family and friends. Food, drinks, fun, and more food. Free gear demos all day. Goofy races will be held, with or without wind. It's free and it's fun, so show up. More details to come. Save the date!

Membership Renewal Time

Thanks to everyone who has already renewed their membership for 2004. And to those of you who forgot to mail your check - there's still time!

How do I pay? Here are the steps:

- 1) Get an envelope and place first class stamp on right hand corner
- 2) Address envelope to: Fred Thomas, 2418 Meadowside Ct, Monkton, MD, 21111
- 3) Get your checkbook out and write a check for \$20 made out to BABA.
- 4) Download a membership form at www.windsurfbaba.org. Click on "join"
- 5) Complete the membership form
- 6) Insert check and membership form in envelope, seal and mail.

For those new members who paid after the fall sailing season, you're paid up for 2004-2005.

Ed Note: If you haven't renewed yet and you're strapped for time or don't have internet access, skip the membership form and just mail your check to Fred, pronto!

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Letters

Dear Chuck, David, Dan, Bill, Gordon

Thank you, thank you, for your wonderful contribution to the revitalization of the Ultimate Watersports village at Gunpowder!! Your energy and beautiful work (of art!) are so very much appreciated. Our storage buildings were in such need of rejuvenation (especially after Isabel) and the paint job was the perfect cure! Four buildings in under four hours - WOW! The whole place looks great!

You guys need new business cards:

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(don't call if it's blowin!)

Thank you again. See you on the water!

Hal Ashman
President, Ultimate Watersports

(ed note: that's BABA members Chuck Schnee, David McKibbon, Dan Van Gelder, Bill Anderson and Gordon Palmer)



BABA Mission Statement

The Baltimore Area Boardsailing Association (BABA) is a network of Northern Chesapeake Bay windsurfers. Our purpose is to promote the sport of windsurfing through seasonal racing, instructional clinics, social events and group travel to windsurfing destinations. The club is an advocate for windsurfer access to clean, safe launch sites. Our events focus on an enjoyable social experience while developing further windsurfing skills.

For Membership information contact
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or any member of the BABA Steering Committee.

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

Racing & Clinic News

Race News:

Stop the presses, this just in.

Eighteen racers - including 5 Formula sailors - took part in BABA's Gerry Brown Memorial season opener at Rocky Point Park on Sunday, May 2. Winds were 11 to 16 for most of the day and some exciting finishes were witnessed from the committee boat. More details in next month's newsletter.

Thursday Night Windsurfing

Mayo Wind Club will be holding after work windsurfing get-togethers at Mayo Beach Park on Thursday nights. Mayo Wind is made up of Mayo Beach season pass holders. Non-members are invited to sail on Thursdays as guests of Mayo Wind with the payment of a \$5 guest fee.

Mayo Wind will run some informal/semi formal races depending on conditions. The Thursday night sail is open to racers, non racers, and sailors of all ability levels. Come out and go around the buoys, or just come out for a sail. The more people on the water the better. This is a great way to check out Mayo before buying your season pass.

Mark Bandy or Tom Caswell will try to post a wind/weather report on the More Downhaul list serve for Thursday around 2 or 3pm. Go to work with your gear, check More Downhaul, or give Mark Bandy a call (East of Maui) to confirm the Mayo Wind session is on for the night.

Ed Note: for more information on Mayo Beach go to www.windsurfbaba.org and click on "windsurfing launches" in the red side bar.




Petra Kanz Freestyle/Sail Handling Clinic Saturday, and Sunday, July 10 & 11, 2004

Fee: \$170 for BABA Members

This clinic will help any windsurfer comfortable with basic skills to greatly improve their board and sail handling ability. Petra starts with solid clew first, fin first and backwind sailing (beach starts and waterstarts). Then come helicopter tacks and body sail 360s. Petra works from successes on these skills into more advanced tricks, all interspersed with lots of sail-chi and how these moves apply to everyday sailing. And the beauty of a freestyle clinic is that it requires next to no wind!

The clinics will limit class size to six students (minimum four students) which allows for significant individual attention. Reservations are on a first come/first served basis. Contact Janice Emerling at 410/457-4001 or jemerling@susquehannaobgyn.com if you have questions or would like to register for the clinics.

Learn To Windsurf Clinic Sunday, June 6, 2004

by Janice Emerling, Clinic Coordinator

BABA and **Ultimate Watersports** are working together to bring a one-day Learn to Windsurf Clinic to the Gunpowder on Sunday, June 6, 2004. Registration is at 10:30 and the clinic begins at 11:00. The fee is \$22. Participants will be introduced to windsurfing and get on the water with certified windsurfing instructors.

With the help of Ultimate Watersports, we are encouraging our LTW participants to stick with the sport. Ultimate is offering participants a discount on a full day, guaranteed windsurfing lesson and a discount on block-time equipment rental for 10 hours. Additionally, if the participants sign up for the extra lesson or the block time gear on June 6, they can bring a friend for the same discounted price.

BABA will provide a complimentary one-year club membership for participants who sign up for either of the above discounts OR purchase windsurfing equipment from Ultimate Watersports or East of Maui.

Encourage your non-windsurfing family and friends to join us for this clinic. For more information contact me at jemerling@susquehannaobgyn.com or 410/457-4001.

WET Spring Regatta

Twenty-nine competitors participated in 2 days of MAS/USWA racing organized by Windsurfing Enthusiasts of Tidewater (WET) and held on the waters of Hampton Roads Harbor off the point of Willoughby Spit in Norfolk, VA. The wind was good, the weather was warm. We all enjoyed it. BABA members took several awards including **Helen Van Gelder** - 1st place in Women's 7.5, **Bill Anderson** - 1st place in Sport Open, **Randy Rainey** - 2nd place in Sport Open. Trophies were awarded by WET president John Perry.

The next MAS race is BABA II & III at Gunpowder, May 22-23. Hope to see everyone there!



Helen Van Gelder and Bill Anderson

SIGN UP NOW FOR THE FALL HATTERAS TRIP: OCTOBER 9 – 16, 2004



It is time to start planning for the biannual BABA migration to the outer banks -- a week of windsurfing fun on Hatteras Island in Avon, North Carolina! We've reserved 5 houses on Pamlico Sound, along the sea wall in the Island Creek development. These have proven to be club favorites in the past. The houses are very spacious, with modern kitchens, comfortable living rooms and bedrooms, hot tubs, beach launches, grassy rigging areas, storage space for boards and rigged sails, and high decks where you can oversee the Sound action or just rest with a beer while watching the sunset after a fun day on the water. We are now the largest windsurfing group visiting the Cape, and when we come, it's BABA week in Avon! Several local windsurf shops offer a special BABA discounts. We expect to have some of the same activities we have enjoyed on previous trips: clinics, equipment demos, raffles, races, bonfires, pizza parties!

In October, the Avon air and water temperatures are usually warm and we can count on several days of planing winds. (On the last two October trips, all but 1 day were planing days.) The trip dates are Saturday, October 9th through Saturday, October 16th, 2004. The price is \$225 for a single bed (you will be paired in a room with another single), and \$400 for a double room with queen or king bed. We charge just enough to cover our costs. Please let us know right away if you want to go -- we have limited space this year, so it will be first come, first served.

For more information, or to reserve a space, please contact: HelenVG@earthlink.net, call Bill or Helen at 410-757-8705 (Annapolis), or write to Bill Anderson, 1084 Poplar Tree Drive, Annapolis, MD 21401-4812. We will send you sign-up forms and trip info. (Bill and Helen are helping Fred Thomas with trip organization this year.)

DON'T MISS THIS TRIP! IT IS GREAT FUN!

Mayo Wind Club Fun Races Kick-off for 2004

by Tom Caswell

We had a decent turnout considering the traffic and lack of wind Thursday, May 6 for the first night of Mayo Wind Club Fun Races.

Longboards rule the day in light air and that was the case on May 6 as well. The two Formula boards (**Mark Bandy of East of Maui** and I) trailed the longboards and Prodigy all the way to the first mark (Channel mark). I carried a 12.5 RS3 which was a full 5 meters larger than what some of the longboards were carrying but still only managed to trail for most of the race. The wind picked up as I rounded the mark but I only managed to catch 1 longboard. It was to little wind to late...

It's always a good match between longboards and Formula boards in light and Medium air, The more experienced longboard sailors usually can make the upwind mark as fast the the Formula boards when both are equally powered because they can sail at a much higher angle but the Formula boards are significantly faster downwind when we have some pressure in the sail.

Bring your small gear we had some real windy days in the last week at Mayo, I had one day with 5.4 and two days on 6.7 and two days on 11.0 the prior week and I

tend to sail large sails so a 5.4 day is windy 25-28 knots. We also have some very experience Sailors who are willing to share tips that make you a better sailor.

J45- **Kurt Nagi** has been winning every race in the area, Big **Alan Bernau** the Southern Maryland sailor is ripping in high winds on his 12.5 meter sail in the local races, Frank Weston is always fast on his slalom gear and this year **Sam Franck** is going to join us as well.

Many of the experienced longboard sailors like **Tom Sargent, Doug Palmer, Bill Anderson and Helen Van Gelder** also showed up. **Doug Palmer** won the first race of the season. For the next event it would be nice to see about 10-15 sailors on the water.

Keep Thursday open. If we have wind we can run traditional upwind down wind race. In light air conditions a slalom course is easier on small to midsize funboards and Formula. Many sailors also have slalom gear and if the wind permits we can run slalom. In years past Mayo Wind members have run friendly slalom races on the river, and we have even hand-capped the faster guys with a 10-30 second delay at the start of the race.

If we can come up with a boat we also plan to have a few more formal races. But the main objective is to get more sail-

ors on the water and hopefully-get more interest in the local race scene hosted by BABA, WET and MidAtlantic Series.

Ed Note: for more info on Thursday Night Racing see the listing info on p 3





rying a non-windsurfer, and consequently am now an “ex with kids”), I got a late start, and only rolled into “camp” at literally the eleventh hour on Sunday.

It was blowing.

It was also COLD.

Like an insidious mantra-in-black, the NOAA weather forecast kept repeating over and over in my head as I drove the 6 hours from DC, “...temperatures not expected to make it out of the 40’s...” But that’s why we have steamers, dry suits, gloves, hats, booties, and stiff upper lips, right? And hey, who doesn’t look better in neoprene? And where else can you go to a party where



Fred Hylla

everyone dresses up in rubber?

Don’t answer that.

I finally figured out which of the 4 sound-front houses was “mine,” and I tramped up the stairs, hoping not to wake anyone, and flop down for some sleep. (The kind I’d been getting on the road wasn’t going to be enough, I knew).

But before flopping, I just had to check out the fridge. Why? Cause you can tell a lot about people by checking out what they’ve stashed in the ice box...the kind of stuff they know they’re going to need to survive for a week. I opened the door, and let out a groan. First shelf...beer. Second shelf...beer. Third shelf, a month’s supply of Tasty Cakes finest donut holes. Things were not looking good.

Putting that first impression aside, next morning I bounded up the stairs to make introductions. My housemate list

included **Mark Raginsky, Larry Ake, John Bickford, John Chynoweth, and Hard Knox.** Wait a minute! “Hard Knox?” No doubt a cruel joke...Who would ever name their kid “Hard?” Musta been a tough choice between that or “Fort.”

But enough. There was tech-savvy Mark R., his lap-top tethered to i-windsurf.com, who announced that it was currently blowing 25-30 and it would “blow all day.” Larry announced that it was the kind of day to try to finally locate and get into his rear foot-strap. John B. (John the Elder, no relation to Sloop) was psyched about trying out as many demo boards as he could wheedle out of Windsurfing Hatteras. And John C (John the Younger) was already on the water (lost for the day). The excitement was so infectious that even Hard Knox temporarily forgot his name, introducing himself simply as “Rich.”

“Maybe this wasn’t going to be so bad after all,” I thought, as everyone rushed to rig.

A confession. I HATE rigging. If there’s one thing that turns me off about this sport, it’s the time it takes to rig. Or, more precisely, the time it takes ME to rig. That’s ‘cause I have a mish-mash of equipment purchased on the cheap from 8 years of swap meets, so I never remember which boom goes best with which sail designed for which mast that goes with which mast-foot for which board. It’s beyond me. Even when I write it down, the paper gets lost or spontaneously decomposes during the winter.

So, no matter where I go, I’m always the last one on the water.

This year was no exception. As it blew 28, I carefully rigged my 4.4 sail. But the wind dropped a bit, so I rigged my 5.5. Which, by the time I finished, was almost big enough, but...not. So, I rigged my 6.5, thinking 3rd time had to be the charm.

Obviously, I do not lead a charmed life. Only the Winds of Change are always blowing for me.

By the time I finally reached the water two hours later, I was on an 8.0 and planing my long board. OK, I just wrote that for effect. Actually, I was almost plan-



John Bickford

ing and it was two hours after lunch.

Just for spite, I stayed out all afternoon.

So my first day was a little slow. But soon I was on a roll. By the second day, I had discovered a BABA Hatteras trip phenomenon that is NOT to be missed. I’m talking about **Al, The Waffle Man.**

If you’ve never been with BABA-ites on their pilgrimage, I’ll let you in on a secret. Make note of the cottage where The Waffle Man is harbored, and set your alarm early. Crunchy, but fluffy, dripping in butter and syrup, and best of all, FREE...not to be missed. But ya gotta be there before the kitchen closes.

Contrary to popular belief, the wind is not always blowing 15-25 on these jaunts. Sometimes the sun comes out and Aeolis, the Wind God, takes a rest. That’s what happened Tuesday & Wednesday, when the temperature shot from the 40’s into the 60’s. This is the time when rough and tumble windsurfers do what they do best...they go shopping.

Yep, time to pick over deals on last year’s sails, haggle over the cost of new boards, scope-out the price of those weed fins that have become de rigueur for

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Fred Thomas



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Hatteras sailing, try out a fresh layer of neoprene...the fun is endless, and expensive. Did I mention that the Followers of BABA get a 10% discount at **Wind-surfing Hatteras, Ride, Sailworld and Avon Sail House?** By any measure, this is a dangerous combination that threatens to draw in even the most penurious (for those of you that don't speak French-Canadian, that just means "money-grubbing").

Right next to Sailworld is Zophia's Art Gallery. Zophia is a spirited, infectious happy gal who may someday end up in the who's who of seascapes and dead-fish paintings. I couldn't resist buying one of her new sand-paint fish works, and even commissioned a seascape. I'm no artsy-fartsy, but hey, I stopped putting my board on the wall when I turned 30.

For those who already have everything...which, it turns out, applies to a lot of BABA-ites...there is another fair weather pleasure that should be noted. Bear in mind that our cottages are right on the water...with a nice yard for rigging just behind the sound-front bulkheads. Yeah, pretty sweet. And the cottages also have wonderful 3rd-story balconies. So that on a sunny day, one can put Jimmy Buffet on



Al Marani aka The Waffle Man

the stereo, take a set of binoculars out on the balcony (along with a classy marguerita or a plebian beer), and watch other windsurfers taking lessons. That's right, the shallow area in front of the cottages is perfect for instruction, and that's where instructors Arthur and Mary from Windsurfing Hatteras hold their classes.

The Group Dinner is another part of this trip worthy of mention. Here was my chance to meet as many of the BABA-ites as I could, while enjoying lasagna, salad, and drinks. I must say that this group of windsurfers is the friendliest, warmest bunch of folks you'll ever meet. I felt immediately welcomed and relaxed, and enjoyed hearing everybody's stories of how they got into the sport, and where the best local sailing spots were in the Baltimore-DC area.

Speaking of nice folks, there were two windsurfettes who came, perhaps thinking that surrounded by 24 men was not a bad way to spend a week? **Daphne Lathouras**, along with husband **Steve Melnick** and son; and **Libia Scheller**, a former Baltimore resident who trekked all the way from her new home in Florida to enjoy Hatteras's cooler waters. Worming my way through the gender circles that surrounded both women, I managed to strike up a rewarding conversation, and got all charged up again (about windsurfing and the great people it brings you into contact with). OK, tell the truth ladies. We KNOW you had a great time...so now, your mission is to let your friends in on the secret stash of guys you found. As it turns out, I had to pay the piper for all that congeniality I exuded...turns out that Daphne is the editor of BABA News...so I had to let myself get roped into writing this article. As the saying goes, those who can't plane well on the water, must explain well in the newsletter.

There are things I refuse to write about, though. I must leave to your imagination the wild cavorting at the Beach Bonfire. All I can tell you is that more than a few of us got up late the next morning, and there were interesting rumors about someone who let a little too much air out of his tires while driving around the dunes...and consequently learned some of the finer points of how to expense towing costs.

Finally, no report would be complete without sending out a hearty "Thank You"



John Chynoweth

to **Fred Thomas**, who organized the entire adventure for the club, and for admitting an "outsider" into the secret order of BABA. For those BABA-ites that I didn't mention, it's only because I'm still forming first impressions. That, and the fact that I actually was pretty busy logging water time...I was thoroughly water-logged by week's end.

Oh, just one more thing. I had a vision during the pilgrimage. Actually two. The first was of me actually carving a perfect jibe. But that, of course, does not bear any relation to reality. The second was the answer to "why I do it" (windsurf). Sure, it's partly the thrill of skipping along the water like a flat pond-stone, and partly the special feeling you get when you think of yourself as one of the "butterflies of the sea." But more than that, it's because windsurfers are fun to hang with. BABA-ites included.

P.S. **Bob Catzen** is one of the club's senior members, who in his 70's seems just as excited as any of us to be out on the water. According to Bob, he's determined to rip until "the wheels just fall off." Maybe that's why he windsurfs...no wheels. Anyway, Bob was all set to leave early on Friday to be back with his family for the Easter weekend. "No, sorry guys...just can't stay...family, you know"...when, out of the blue, the wind picked up.

Suddenly, Bob's plans changed. He wondered if we thought his family knew about the "horrendous Easter Friday traffic" that occurs every year. As he rigged, we assured him that we'd back him in this excuse. And Bob, if you're reading this, please put me in your will...I want your trailer!

Ed Note - Coby is now one of BABA's newest members.



by Al Marani

During the recent BABA Hatteras trip I witnessed a most unique freestyle maneuver.

There is a small island a short distance from our sailing site, that the shore edge has vertical banks that project 1' to 2' above the surface of the water. An ideal place to sit and rest after a period of sailing.



Jeff Riach

New Freestyle Maneuver Invented During BABA Hatteras Trip

I was sitting on the edge of the island resting and enjoying the view of numerous windsurfers sailing near me when I noticed **Mark Reginsky** approaching the island at a very rapid pace.

I assumed he would turn into the wind and stop short of the island, but surprisingly he was not stopping. I waited for the inevitable crash of the board into the island and Mark being catapulted into the reeds. Suddenly, Mark dipped the rear of the board and simply stepped off. The board and sail at a full plane became airborne, cleared the island bank by 2 or 3 feet and landed gently in the reeds.

Mark calmly walked over to me and began talking about the fine sailing he was having. I realized that I had just witnessed a freestyle move that must have taken hours of practice to perfect.

However, it was not until later that afternoon while describing this dramatic move to a fellow windsurfer that I realized this freestyle move had a practical use.

All BABA members that see Mark should prevail upon him to hold a clinic and teach us this unique move. No longer will we have to awkwardly carry our boards and sails over the bulkheads in front of our rental homes. We can "fly" them onto to the lawn, the only caution being that no one is standing within 20' of our landing zone.



Paul Albers

A Moment in Time

by Lorin Droppa

Soundside in Avon, N.C. is one of those places that is designed to produce memorable moments. A north wind with a little east in it makes the leeward beaches much bigger and the sound near them much shallower as the water gets blown toward the mainland. New sandbars and abandoned crab pots appear. I rig mid-morning in seemingly light wind. The formula board and 8.5 sail is the choice, on the advice from my sailing buddy "it's always better to rig big".

By the time I have everything at water's edge, I'm seeing slightly capping waves and I set out on the trek to find water deep enough for the formula fin. 400+ yards of trudging out and I'm getting tired. Hopefully I'll find deep water soon; the wind continues to freshen. I'm not walking back in what is now easily 6.0 conditions without getting in one run. A straight formula fin with moderate seaweed conditions, capping chop and an overpowered sail on a wide board for my first session of the year - this is the recipe for a memorable

moment. I make white knuckles upwind on the way out and fumble my way through a jibe. Blasting a broad reach toward the beach I am Superman in a moment.

Not the Superman moment when I discover I can save the world from speeding trains or flying bullets, but that brief moment of time in which the feet are lifted out of the straps and there's nothing to be done but arch the chest and fly like the bird/plane/Superman projectile that I have become. It's that 3-2-1-liftoff moment at Cape Canaveral when the brave are rocketing skyward and there's no turning back. Times like these last for a brief click of the second-hand, but the mind is processing data at an incredible rate. Life is a slow-motion replay. Up, up and away, the brain tricking itself into believing there's an "S" emblazoned on a bullet-proof chest. But under the wetsuit there is a man, a man with the trajectory of a hunk of rock hurled from a Medieval catapult, destined to knock off a few pieces of expensive armor in the inevitable moment when flight ends



Lorin's self-portrait while planing

and the destruction of property begins. The glorious moment of impact.

Toys are made to be played with. Some are made to be broken. It's that period of time between playing and breaking that makes riding the wind memorable. Sessions like these are why we have 90% carbon flagpoles and mangled pieces of gear we call trophies. Yeah, I won that in Avon; let me tell you about it over a beer and a sunset.

Ed Note: Lorin lives in land-locked Augusta Co, VA just south of the Blue Ridge Mountains but regularly treks to the outer banks for his wind fix. He's been a BABA member for 3 years.

A QUICK TRIP TO MAUI

by Helen Van Gelder

It was early March and I was down with my annual sinus infection. After two weeks in bed I was totally bored and frustrated and way behind in my laundry. Then cousin Peter called and invited me to join him and his daughter for a week in Maui, leaving in 4 days! Sometimes it takes a little added stimulation to make that last leap out of bed. This was definitely it. Peter's package deal was \$600 each for flight, accommodations, and rental car -- an affordable vacation to a windsurfing Mecca. My health improved dramatically in minutes!

We stayed in Kihei (south shore), at the Aston Maui Lu, a low-rise rolling estate from the 60's, with tennis courts, swimming pool, and large, airy rooms. There was a windsurfing beach there, but the board rentals were on the north shore in Kahului (about 20 minutes away) near the Kanaha beach, which was highly recommended, and that's where I sailed. I rented a 120-liter XRay from Hi-Tech and took a lesson just to get familiar with the area, since I was sailing alone. (Cousin Peter and his daughter went to play golf.) It was very choppy and gusty, easterly winds breaking up over the land. I stayed inside the reef and practiced waterstarts, too nervous to venture out by myself. It was chilly and rainy and there were only a couple of other windsurfers around.

My second trip out I rented a Starboard Start to give my cousin a lesson. The wind was north this time and really

steady. However the cold water and big chop discouraged Peter quickly, and so I had the board to myself with the little 3.7 Gastra sail. To my surprise, I found that the big board planed fairly easily, the swell launching it up quickly, and it sailed along rather nicely at a reasonable pace. It was easy to uphaul and the steady breeze made water-starts a snap when everything was lined up right.

The beach at Kanaha falls off suddenly, but only to about 5 or 6 feet, then comes back up a bit, and I could see the bottom all the way to the reef, a couple hundred yards off shore. There are trees, and a nice grassy rigging area, outdoor shower, clean port-a-potties, and lots of white sand. There was a small shore break, but not enough to be a problem. Unfortunately you have to haul your board there, but the shop provided racks for the rental car, along with 2 or 3 sails, and everything I needed to rig for the \$40/day charge.

I could see why this beach is popular with windsurfers. The consistent on-shore, north wind made everything very easy. There are a couple of other beaches on Maui better known for high-wind sailing, or bump-and-jump action. But I think Kanaha is the best for those of us with lesser skills.

Unfortunately, I didn't get another chance to go windsurfing on this trip, but I enjoyed some of the other sights and sounds of Maui: We took the well-advertised drive along Hana Highway in the wind and rain -- found ourselves rather bored with waterfalls after a bit, but glad to have seen the

island. We went all the way around, so got a good look at Haleakala, the big (inactive) volcano that dominates the southern part of the island. We went whale-watching one beautiful, sunny day and saw lots of whales (they park there in the winter). One small whale kept us amused by breaching (jumping out of the water) enough times that everyone got a good picture to take home. Much of the week it was chilly and rainy and the water was cool. We shivered while snorkeling, but saw some amazing fish in the slightly murky water off of Makena. Naturally I didn't think to bring a wet suit -- isn't it always hot in Hawaii??

We visited Iao Valley, ate at Mama's Fish House, and attended a concert of Indian music in Paia (cousin Peter played the Sitar). We saw the sugar cane and pineapple fields and the taro patches. (I found the taro chips tasty, but the poi flavorless.) Maui's primary business is the tourist trade, not the agriculture, and there was evidence of that everywhere. The hotels and shops gather along the milder coasts, though, and much of the rest of the island is only sparsely populated. I don't believe we saw any actual Hawaiians, but we did talk to a few Maui natives and enjoyed their pidgin tongue.

I want to go back in the summer when the rains have stopped, the water is warmer, and the swell evens out. Now that I have seen the sights, I could do nothing but windsurf happily for a week at least! Thanks to everyone on More Downhaul who sent me tips -- they really helped!




More Hatteras
pictures.....



Mark Weinman



Jay Duvon

2004 CALENDAR

May 22 - WET Rigging Clinic
Anderson Park, Newport News, VA

MAY 22 - 23 - BABA II & III RACES
Mid Atlantic Series Race and Campout
Gunpowder State Park, Chase, MD

JUNE 6 - BABA LEARN TO WIND-SURF CLINIC
Gunpowder State Park, Chase, MD
contact Janice Emerling: 410/457-4001 or
jemerling@susquehannaobgyn.com

JUNE 12 - BABA IV RACE
Chester River Windsurfing Festival & Mid
Atlantic Series Race
Jackson Creek, Grasonville, MD

June 12 - WET Beach Cleanup and Learn
to Windsurf Clinic. Buckroe Beach and
Willoughby, Hampton Roads, VA

JUNE 27 - BABA V RACE
Gunpowder State Park, Chase, MD

**JULY 10 & 11 - PETRA KANZ
FREESTYLE/SAIL HANDLING
CLINIC**
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July 17 - WET Fun Regatta
Willoughby, Hampton Roads, VA

JULY 18 - BABA VI RACE
Mayo Beach Park, Mayo MD

July 24 - WET Intro to Windsurfing
(age 10 & up) at Buckroe Beach, Hamp-
ton, VA

July 25 - BABA FAMILY FUN DAY
Gunpowder State Park, Chase, MD
contact: Marc Rosen duckbite@qis.net or
410/374-1230

August 7 - WET BBQ (bring your own)
Buckroe Beach, Hampton, VA

April 14 - WET Lotto Regatta
Mill Creek, Hampton Roads, VA

AUGUST 29 - BABA VII RACE
Gunpowder State Park, Chase, MD

**SEPTEMBER 11 - BABA FUN RACE
- Race around Hart Miller Island**
Hosted by the Baltimore County Sailing
Center, Rocky Point Park, Essex, MD

September 11 - WET Beach Cleanup and
Intro to Windsurfing (age 10 & up) Buck-
roe Beach, Hampton, VA

**SEPTEMBER 18 - 19 - BABA VIII &
IX RACES** - Mid Atlantic Series Race and
Campout
at Gunpowder State Park, Chase, MD

OCTOBER 3 - BABA X RACE
Season Finale
Gunpowder State Park, Chase, MD

**OCTOBER 9 - 16 -
BABA HATTERAS TRIP**
Contact: Helen Van Gelder or Bill
Anderson 410/757-8705
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October 22 - WET Buckroe Beach Chal-
lenge, Buckroe Beach, Hampton, VA

October 23 - 24 - WET Hampton Roads
Sailboard Classic - Mid Atlantic Series
Race Location TBA

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Annapolis Wind - Queen Anne's County, MD Events

Queen Annes County Parks & Recreation and **Annapolis Wind** will be conducting
several events at Jackson Creek on the Chester River

June 12 - Chester River Windsurfing Festival Intro to Windsurfing Clinic. \$10 fee
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June 26 - Teen windsurf and Pizza Bash

August 14 - Girls on Board (part of the USWA National GOB Junior Series

August 28 - Intro to Windsurfing Clinic

Parks & Rec fee is \$30 per student for a 3-4 hour lesson. (unless otherwise noted)

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Please contact Stuart Gray at annapoliswind@aol.com or go to
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