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Fun, Food and Prizes - Racers Romp!

by Ann Jackson

Thursday, November 7 was the annual BABA awards event at Chevy's in Annapolis, organized by **Mark Raginsky** and **Mike McCormick**. BABA racers and their families came out to enjoy the good food and camaraderie.

Mark Raginsky started the evening with the presentation of the second annual **Pat**



Tom Sargent, BABA Race Director for 2003

Pugh Memorial Service Award to Mark Weinman for his four years as Steering Committee Director. Yes, four years! **John Bickford** received the "Energizer Bunny Award" because he was still racing after two arm surgeries and being hit by a boat. **Frank Cressman**, one of BABA's senior racers, received an award for being an inspiration for us almost young folks. Mark Raginsky also recognized the contributions of **Theresa Wells** for spending almost every race day on the committee boat. He presented windsurfing key

chains to the race committee (**Ann Jackson, Michael McCormick, Tom Sargent, Marc Rosen, and Helen Van Gelder**) for all of their hard work in support of the racing program and to **Chuck Schnee** for bringing his zodiac to every race.

The BABA racing awards were next with the perpetual trophies going to **Chuck Schnee** for the 7.5 Pumping Class and to **Janice Emerling** for the novice class (season results on page 4). **Mark Weinman** then provided a club update (see next column).

An allegro racing raffle and general membership raffle followed – thanks to **Maureen Pritchard** (who stood on the chair as her final act as sponsorship coordinator) and her able assistants for keeping the prizes flowing. **Mark Raginsky** won the big prize from **Aerotech** - a Formula travel bag. **Sherri Weinman, Jackie Schnee, Tom Jackson, and Bob Tanev** were lucky winners of fins courtesy of **Curtis Fins** or **Surfingsports.com** and **Michael McCormick** won a



Brian & Tara Collis

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Year End Message from the Director

We had a good turnout at the race awards and general members' meeting held at CHEVY'S in Annapolis on November 7th. There were many good stories traded and lots of great prizes won as well. For those of you who could not attend I would like to provide a club update.

Thanks to the ongoing dedication of our **Steering Committee** and our volunteers, the club has continued to thrive. According to US Windsurfing, BABA is a model club for the East Coast.

BABA is in good shape financially and has a strong following with over 130 members. Thanks to **Mark Raginsky** the race program for 2002 was a huge success. After 3 seasons as Race Director, Mark will be handing the commodore baton over to **Tom Sargent**. Many thanks to Mark for doing a great job and best of luck to Tom. For the 2003 season Tom hopes to add some new sailing venues to our race program.

Thanks to the design skills of **Tara Collis**, BABA has a new look with a wonderful update to our website and fresh graphics for our club T-shirts. A special thanks to Tara for bringing us into the 21st century with a fresh, new look. Once again **Fred Thomas** worked hard to assure we had great turnouts for the Spring and Fall Hatteras trips. Both trips featured 7 soundfront homes and this past October we were treated to a surprise encounter with Robby Naish. Robby was in Avon to promote his 2003 product line of boards, kites and sails. He was true to his reputation and spent a lot of time talking to his fans and followers. **Maureen Pritchard** worked hard this past year to get the club some great exposure within the windsurfing industry and to provide the club with some great prizes.

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by Chuck Schnee

Just who is the person behind this e-mail address? The person who has been maintaining BABA's strong sponsorship support and generating the continuing flow of sought after merchandise prizes for our event raffles over the past two years. It has been **Maureen Pritchard**, wife, mother, career woman, windsurfing racer, skier, and probably the possessor of numerous other talents unbeknownst to this scribe. Husband **Albert Pritchard** should share in our thanks for the continuing support he has provided to BABAsponsor's achievements.



Maureen Pritchard and Marc Rosen

BABA says many thanks to Maureen as she turns sponsorship responsibility over to **Marc Rosen** for the 2003 season. Thanks for your dedication, your perseverance, your effectiveness, and your significant contribution to our windsurfing club.

And Marc (BABA's own **Ezzy** rep), we know you will continue in the tradition of Maureen's much appreciated efforts.

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Maureen will be handing the sponsorship position on to **Marc Rosen** for the 2003 season.

This past summer **Petra Kanz** provided some excellent workshops on shortboard and freestyle sailing. **Helen Van Gelder** did a great job organizing the BABA members fun day this past summer. We plan to do this again next summer. These events will only be successful with lots of member support. Give Helen a call and see what you can do to help out.

If you enjoy being a club member, the Steering Committee would love to see you get more involved in club events. Member-

ship participation with event organization and event volunteers is extremely important to the survival of our club. Last year BABA made a request for a new director. Unfortunately no members came forward to take the challenge. You guys are stuck with me for another season. If you have ideas for the club please do not hesitate to contact me or any other member of our Steering Committee. Please help us out and get involved. There are lots of opportunities so come on out and give it a shot. Hope to see you on the water.

Mark Weinman

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.

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



Avon 2003: Sign Up for Next Season's Fun!

Spring: April 5 – 12, 2003 AND Fall: October 11 –18, 2003



by Fred Thomas

We have 8 Soundfront houses for each of our sojourns to our traditional windy vacation spot in Cape Hatteras, North Carolina. We are now the largest group visiting the Cape, and when we come, it's BABA week in Avon. The houses are the newest in Avon, are very spacious, and have hot tubs, great beach launches, great rigging, lots of storage, and nice gathering areas. We anticipate the same activities that we have enjoyed on this year's trips: short board clinics, novice clinics, board demos, sail demos, raffles, social events, a beach bonfire, and discounts at local shops. Our

philosophy: we get the best houses, we do not over fill, and we charge just enough to cover our costs.

In April, the air temperature will be in the low 70s, while the water will be in the 60s. Historically, April is the windiest month on the Cape. Bring that 4.5 sail you got at the swap meet, but couldn't use on the Gunpowder. Easter and Passover are early this year, before the April trip. In October, the air and water temperatures are a little warmer, and the wind is usually a little weaker. However, on the last 2 October trips, all but one day were planing days.

Unfortunately, I have been informed that the rental prices are expected to increase

in line with the real estate boom on the Cape. The prices shown below are tentative (\$225 for shared room, \$400 for private) and may be adjusted upwards.

These prices are still lower than the rates charged 4 years ago for lesser houses. In order to reserve the houses, we need to pay half of the rental on January 1, 2003 for all houses on both trips.

Unfortunately, that amount exceeds the BABA treasury. **In order to guarantee your place in the wind, please complete the following form and send to Fred Thomas by December 18, 2002:**

Reservation Form - Avon 2003

Name _____ Email _____

I want to reserve my share of the wind and fun with BABA in Avon, 2003:

April 5 – 11, 2003

Queen / private room @ \$400, most with private bath

October 11 – 18, 2003 2003

Shared room @ \$225

Name of person sharing room: _____

Special needs, such as young children: _____

TERMS

Cancellation policy: No change from previous trips: With notification of at least 2 months before a trip, BABA will provide a 100% refund of any monies. After that date, refunds are made as demand merits. In the 6 BABA trips, everyone who gave adequate notice had their choice of a future trip credit or a refund. NO pets

Deposit of \$225 required for each trip.

These prices may change and are subject to the final rental rates.

Signature _____

Date _____

DEPOSIT: If you want to reserve space on both trips, send a check for \$450. If for only one trip, send \$225. The balance due on the queen/private rooms is required at least 2 months before the trip date. Make your deposit check out to BABA and send by December 18, 2002 to:
 Fred Thomas 2418 Meadowside Ct Monkton, MD 21111

Racing News

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BABA Race Series - Season Scores

A-FLEET

Open

Rank	Name	Sail#	Score
1	Alan Bernau	111	5.94
2	John Groesbeek	811	7.33
3	Tom Sargent	919	12.49
4	Brian Collis	+1	18.42
5	Marc Rosen	41187	30.73
6	Bob Tanev	VA8	34.40
7	Chris Jarboe	226	36.22

7.5 (Pumping)

1	Chuck Schnee	2023	23.85
2	Fred Thomas	S1	40.25

IMCO

1	Albert Pritchard	ARG159	20.33
2	Doug Palmer	1091	22.80
3	Mike McCormick	128	23.27
4	Channing Furr	497	39.23

B FLEET

Women

Rank	Name	Sail #	Score
1	Ann Jackson	122	20.92
2	Sherri Weinman	742	28.47
3	Maureen Pritchard	1X	32.00
4	Helen Van Gelder	4	34.75
5	Daphne Lathouras	=	36.95

Classic

1	Mark Raginsky	Z41	6.17
2	Jack Ames	411	7.59
3	Tom Jackson	27	10.72
4	John Bickford	3139	16.75
5	Frank Cressman	1104	48.60

Sport

1	Randall Rainey	3807	20.30
2	Bill Anderson	3945	23.33
3	Gordon Palmer	A	38.51

Novice

1	Janice Emerling	1	6.11
2	Paula Rosen	PI	6.78
3	Amber Kasbeer	81	9.72

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Chinook mast extension. There were many other prizes including lessons from new sponsor **Annapolis Wind**, gear bags from **DaKine**, videos from **Masters Communications**, BABA cups, **Bullfrog** sunscreen, downhill cranks from **Chinook**, and other great prizes from **East of Maui**, **Hi Tech Maui**, **New England Windsurfing Journal**, **Petra Kanz Clinics**, **Extreme Windsurfing and Windsport** magazine. A big thank you goes out to all of our sponsors who generously supported BABA with great products this year.

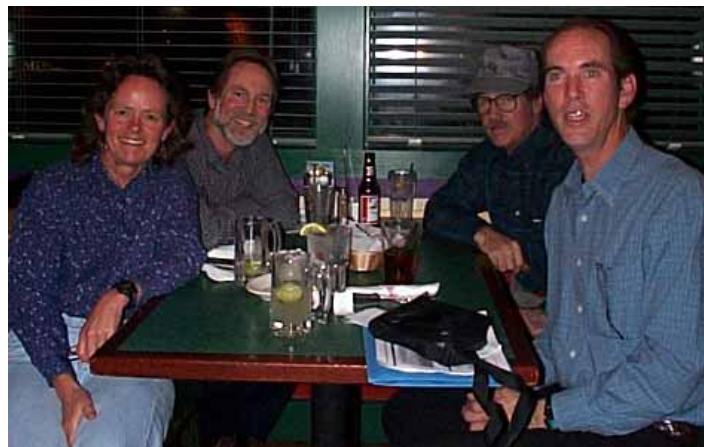
One winner did not claim his prize. Even though his name was repeatedly called out, **Ben Dover** failed to step forward!



Randall Rainey & Theresa Wells



Chuck Schnee & Alan Bernau



Ann Jackson, Mike McCormick, Doug Palmer & Albert Pritchard



Janice Emerlin & Amber Kasbeer



Racing & Clinic News

The Hampton Roads Sailboard Classic

by **Chuck Schnee**

Pulling in to the Days Inn Marina at the Norfolk end of the Hampton Roads bridge/tunnel around 4:00 pm Friday, Nov. 1, for the final Mid-Atlantic Series race event of the season, the water looked hospitable, probably not even longboard planing conditions. **Steve Myer and Tom Caswell** were rigging their formula boards and with an hour or more of light left, I said "What the heck". Rigging the 7.5 race and a quick change into my **Bare** steamer, I launched from the convenient beach right in front of the motel rooms. Seemed it would be a nice evening's exercise until I noticed a real wind line coming in from the northeast, screened by the motel, several marina buildings, and Willoughby Spit itself. And it was capping, big time.

Hitting the wind line with a lightly downhauled sail was a real surprise. "Get outta here, Chucko", I said to myself. "Tack, head for the lee of the marina building to that small piece of sand by the pier to adjust your harness lines. OK, gotta get by that fisherman. Oh, no, his line is way out there in front of me. Drop the sail; you're being pushed under the barnacle encrusted pier pilings. Detach the rig and let it go ahead. Hang on to the mast base and follow with the board. Avoid the barnacles. Whew, got through with no real damage. Reattach the rig. Sail back to the launch area in the lee and downhaul/outhaul that 7.5 like crazy."

"OK", I mumbled, "head out again. (I wonder why the Formula guys are coming in. It's not dark yet.) Approaching the wind line again. Hook in and hold a beam reach. Whoa, grossly overpowered. Hang on for a while longer. This is really nuts. Don't even try to jibe. Tack and get home." Flying back until the wind line disappeared behind me, I actually stayed dry except for the swim under the pier. What would it be like tomorrow?

Tomorrow

Sunshine, a tad chilly, and a light northwest breeze at dawn as I headed to the breakfast area to be joined shortly by **Bill Anderson and Helen Van Gelder**, Helen just back from her outstanding Sport Fleet win at Barton Decker's place in Waves (also part of the Mid-Atlantic Series). The wind never really got going today (Saturday) and the Formula racers got off one start in a race which was finally abandoned. Longboards got in four races in light, but not impossible conditions. Longboards started as one fleet which gave Open and Sport racers a chance to have a go at each other. Without a non-pumping class, the BABA Classic Sailing folks were able to challenge the Sport Unlimited folks in a contest which saw **BABA's Race Coordinator, Mark Raginsky**, dominate the group with the single exception of experienced New Jersey unlimited sailor, **Chip Earhardt**, who recorded five bullets out of six races in the two days of racing.

Saturday Evening had us convening at the popular Golden Palace Chinese buffet restaurant in Hampton. The always enjoyable raffle saw **WET President designate, John Perry**, win a new Neil Pryde 6.6 race sail. A young lady from Newport News won the Starboard Start board and complete rig. (And, **Marc Rosen**, she only bought one ticket!!)

Sunday broke with light northwesterlies. **Dave Kashy** called for an 8:30 am start for the Formula fleet in the face of a forecast for diminishing winds. Longboards went off at 9:30 with the Formula guys determined to schlog out a second start, no matter what. By 11:30 with the breeze moving north and dying, we broke for lunch. The postponement flag was soon followed by an end of racing announcement as we all attacked the pizza lunch with gusto. Sailors derigged, scoring was completed and trophies were presented for this regatta and for the Mid-Atlantic series overall.

Thanks, from BABA, to Dave Kashy and the WET crew for a fun weekend and another competitive MAS season.

RESULTS

Hampton Roads Sailboard Classic

Formula: 1-Dave Kashy, 2-Alejandro Guerson, 3-Stephen Myer

Open Unlimited: 1-John Contos, 2-Bob Tanev

Open Limited: 1-Chuck Schnee, 2-Kevin Gaston

Sport Unlimited: 1-Chip Earhardt, 2-Bill Anderson, 3-Randall Rainey

Sport Limited: 1-Mark Raginsky, 2-Sheldon Franck, 3-Kathy Byrd Hohn

Novice: 1-Marcia Kennedy, 2-Joachim Peiffer, 3-Wayne Hooper

Mid-Atlantic Series Overall

Formula: 1-Dave Kashy, 2-Stephen Myer, 3-Yu-Wei Yang

Open Unlimited: 1-John Groesbeek, 2-John Contos, 3-Alan Bernau

Open Limited: 1-Chuck Schnee, 2-Thomas Latham, 3-Kevin Gaston

Sport Unlimited: 1-Chip Earhardt, 2-Tom Cobin, 3-John Quinn

Sport Limited: 1-Mark Raginsky, 2-John Perry, 3-Sheldon Franck

Sport Limited Women: 1-Helen Van Gelder, 2-Daphne Lathouras, 3-Sherri Weinman

Novice Men: 1-Lorin Droppa, 2-Dan Goldstein, 3-Joachim Peiffer

Novice Women: 1-Marcia Kennedy, 2-Janice Emerling, 3-Amber Kasbeer

For complete MAS results visit <www.sailwet.com> and click on RACE.





BABA-PALOOZA 2002

by Nick Bertolini

How do you top a great week of sailing in Hatteras, North Carolina with the always-friendly BABA crew? You throw in a few boardsailing rock stars like **Robby Naish** and **Andy Brandt**, and then top it off with some great sailing conditions. While Robby was in town attending the

North Sports 2003 gear debut, Andy was promoting his acquisition of **ABK Sports**. As if Robby and Andy weren't enough, we shared the Sound with scores of equipment-



Paula Rosen & Nick Bertolini

ment dealers trying out all the new North Sports toys, right from our superb **Island Creek** location. Maybe we should have called this trip "BABA-Palooza 2002" because the atmosphere was more like a boardsailing mega-festival than a standard week long vacation to Hatteras. It seemed like all I did was windsurf, party, socialize, and play Spot-The-Windsurfing-Celebrity! But don't get the wrong idea - we didn't let all of the Naish sightings keep us from tearing up the Sound!

After a warm-up 6.5 day on Saturday and a settling in day on Sunday the wind kicked 4.5 for two days in a row. The sailing was outstanding! Usually if I get back-to-back 4.5 days in Hatteras it's Spring and I'm wearing a 5/3 steamer; but not when BABA provides the weather. I sailed all week in short sleeve suits and my 5/3 steamer never left the Island Star closet. I logged more time on my 4.5 on Monday and Tuesday than the entire Fall and Summer combined. You have got to love Hatteras - when it's good it's great! The weather held up for a couple of mid-week morn-

ing slalom sessions followed by a full day of 7.0 weather on Friday, giving us a beautiful way to end the week.

Although most of us may not agree, some people think there is more to life than just boardsailing. Well BABA had that covered with some incredible apres-sailing events, too! The BABA dinner was a smashing success, providing excellent food and a great way to meet the entire sailing crew at the beginning of the week. If you went hungry that night it was your own fault! The Wednesday bonfire had stiff competition since Robby Naish



Don Caplan, Mark Sarrasin & Sandy Rollins

was scheduled to appear at **Windsurfing Hatteras** that night. Did anyone tell him that was why we all left early! Then later in the week we did the same thing to Andy Brandt when he scheduled his clinic at **Sailworld** for the same time as the BABA pizza party! Maybe these guys should start booking their events through BABA! All told this was another excellent vacation.

In closing let me leave you with my Top 10 (+ 3) List and a few words of appreciation. Thank you to all of the BABA

Committee for organizing these trips and making it all happen! Especially **Fred Thomas** for orchestrating this logistical nightmare. **Marc and Paula of "Team Rosen"** for cooking at the Monday night BABA party, organizing the bonfire, and best of all the **Ezzy and RRD** demo gear. To **Sandy Rollins** and **Mark Sarrasin** a big "thank you" for rescuing my butt after I destroyed my boom while sailing off shore and down wind.

I hope to see you all in April!

Top Baker's Dozen List

(10 just wasn't enough)

13. Midnight sailing.
12. Leaving my 5/3 wetsuit in the closet.
11. Sailing 5/7 days. In October no less!
10. Trips to the reef on Monday.
9. Roaming Happy Hour, thanks to everyone who let **Sandy and I** in their house with our cooler of beer.
8. Post-sailing socials at BABA Beach.
7. Water balloon launcher, need I say more?
6. Hanging out with my new Canadian friends, eh?!
5. Doug's remote controlled fart box. When isn't flatulence funny?
4. Free Demo gear from **Ezzy and RRD**. Thanks, Marc!
3. Free gear advice from **Isthmus Sailboards' Garry Stone**.
2. Arguing with **Andy Brandt** about upwind technique.
1. Watching **Robby Naish** kite and board sail.

BARE





Hatteras Thanks!



A big thank you to our Hatteras crew. **Fred Thomas**, it wouldn't happen without all of your hard work!

And thank you to.....

Paula & Marc Rosen, Helen Van Gelder, Bill Anderson and the **North Wind** crowd hosted the Monday night party. Says Marc "**Jo & Martin Fosse**, and **Paula** did all of the shopping for the Monday night party while I was out sailing (hey, it was a 4.5 day). They also did a lot of the food prep; slicing and dicing of the vegetables and chicken, and putting up with my dictatorial kitchen rules when I finally came in to begin the cooking:"

Maureen Pritchard, Fred Thomas and the **West Wind** crew for the Thursday night pizza party, and of course, thank you to **Maureen** for the great raffle prizes from our generous sponsors;

Ride Hatteras for the fleet of more than 10 **RRD** boards, covering all the wind ranges that were presented to us; wave boards, free ride and giant slalom, formula board, and the easy to use, Easy Rider. (Probably the most used board of the trip. Several people learned or improved their sailing skills on this board during the trip.);

East of Maui, Annapolis, for a full quiver of **EZZY** Infinities (5.4 to 9.5) and more than 7 Wave SE's. (and of course **Marc Rosen** for wrangling all that gear, rigging the sails and providing technical assistance);

Tim Ortleib of **Groundswell** (**EZZY** Sails, **RRD** Boards) for drinks, salsa and chips for the bonfire and the pizza party;

Roger Jackson with his truck AND trailer full of toys - more **Starboard** and **Sailworks** gear than anyone could ask for, all rigged, set up and ready to go for demos on the sound. Roger also had 2 of the elusive (is the west coast shipping strike still on?) Starboard Hypersonics, a full range of Carves, Go's and Formula to name just a few of the boards available to us for 2 days of demos. And when Roger wasn't talking tech or rigging sails he was teaching our new sailors or having water fights with the kids at Island Breeze;

the Hatteras shops for all the **BABA-love** they spread with generous discounts and free events - **Windsurfing Hatteras** ("Welcome **BABA Team Riders**"), **Ride Hatteras, Sailworld Hatteras** and **Avon Sail Shop**.

And, thank you to everyone who contributed Hatteras stories and pictures to the newsletter - **Nick Bertolini, Dan Fenstermacher, Alicia Pritchard, Maureen Pritchard, Marc Rosen, Doug Kon, John Quinn, Helen Van Gelder**.



Team Ride - Charlie, Jim & G.S.



Maureen Pritchard with Robby Naish at the Windsurfing Hatteras "Naish Bash"



Roger Jackson with Christian Quinn & Jasmine Iseri



Checking out the Starboard Hypersonic



by **Alicia Pritchard**

Maybe this really should be called “*Why Would Any Teenager WANT To Go To Hatteras With Their Parents?*” That’s what I thought early in October when we were making plans for our trip. And I must confess that my participation was not entirely voluntary. My parents — **Maureen and Albert Pritchard** — decided that it would be easier to keep track of me if I accompanied them on this trip than to track me by phone. (There’s a story here from a past trip, but we don’t need to go into it.)

My Dad has been an active part of BABA and racing for a number of years. As a matter of fact, before this trip, my last windsurfing venture was in the early 1990’s in Hyannisport, Mass. I would have been about 7 at the time and enjoyed the new Mini Bic during a relatively windless morning waiting for races to begin. I grew up riding on the front of my Dad’s One Design board. We would tie a rope to the front, strap a life jacket on me and I’d ride along like it was a horse. My Mom almost had a fit the first time we came back into the beach and Dad said that we were planing and that I really liked it — until I fell off. All I knew was that I wanted goggles for the next ride. That was during the heyday of windsurfing. Dad raced in just about all of BABA’s races and had a pretty good showing in the IMCO class. Since that time, my Mom has also taken up windsurfing. She’s enthusiastic, but not as skilled. It might be that she enjoys the social part of it as much or more than the sport itself.

All I knew is that I had a couple days off



Alicia sailing the RRD Easy Rider

Did You Know That BABA Allows Teenagers to Come on Their Avon Trips?

from school, was forced to go to Hatteras, was told that it might be warm enough to get a tan, and that the houses were great and they all had hot tubs. They didn’t tell me that everyone would be over 30 (or was it 40 or 50?), but I knew that from going to the Gunpowder for races once or twice. I was told that a couple of the families had small children and might be calling on me to babysit if the wind gods cooperated.

We crossed the bridge to Hatteras Island late on Tuesday night. The weather report said that winds were clocked at 30 knots with gusts over 40. The boards on our roof were flying around like whirlybird blades on a hat. And when we hit the stretch of Rt. 12 where the ocean was coming up over the dune and flooding the highway, I was sure we were gone. We were creeping along at about 20 mph and I wasn’t sure I’d ever see that hot tub. When we finally arrived at Island Creek, I met **Doug, Bob, Gordon, Tanya, and Fred**. I was told that Fred’s daughter **Sarah** was “visiting the boys next door.” It was a little bit strange to be the only kid that night, but the house looked great and I was so happy to get out of the car.

I was told that in Hatteras, there were certain rules one had to follow. First of all, makeup was never allowed. Showers were optional (unless your fellow housemates voted otherwise). Nothing was required, but just about everything was permitted. For someone called Princess by close friends and family, this was a whole new way of life.



Alicia Pritchard, Robby Naish and Sarah Thomas

If nothing else, I figured I could always catch up on some sleep.

The next morning we awoke to plenty of sunshine, light to moderate winds and an unbelievable view of the sound. I know my Mom was halfway kidding when she asked if I planned to windsurf that day. Then she turned to Sarah and asked her if she was going to sail. When Sarah said sure, I decided to give it a go. I was shocked and amazed that I remembered how to both uphaul and tack. And with the shallow waters in the sound that’s all you really need to know to windsurf! And what a view -sails of all colors, folks of all abilities. Some were even less talented at windsurfing than I was. And everyone was friendly and happy to embrace you as a fellow windsurfer.

How many kids can say that they sailed with **Robby Naish** during one of their early days at windsurfing? OK, so I had no idea who he was at the time, but he looked pretty good to me, was fabulous when he flipped over me on a kite, and everybody else was thrilled

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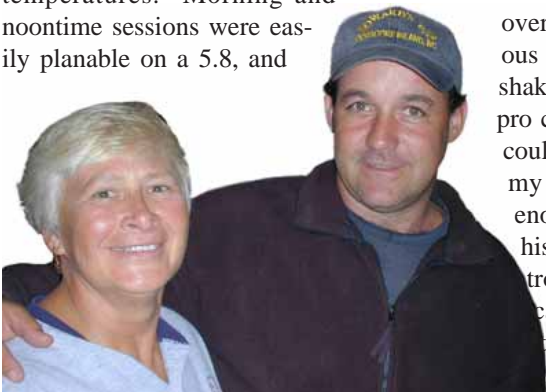
by Dan Fenstermacher

BABA's week in Hatteras this fall featured five planing days, a gusty storm, sailing among the pros, and beautiful sunshine to punctuate the lulls.

Our opening day on Saturday blessed the early arrivals with 15 mph northwest winds and 78-degree sunshine. Many of the BABA members rushed to get rigged and onto the water, anxious to take advantage of a perfect 7.5 planing day. Several couldn't drag themselves off the water until after sunset, hungry and tired from their earlier trek, but stoked that they had gotten in a great session before they had even unpacked the beer from their coolers.

Although Sunday offered sunshine and easy 5-10 mph winds, with beginners trying their skills on all sorts of equipment, Monday cranked, with 22-30 mph from the northwest again. Small boards, small sails, and screaming sessions from morning until dusk. While struggling to renew my small-board jibes at least a mile out from shore, where the crowds thin out and tranquillity sets in, suddenly **Nick Bertolini** whips up to my position and nails a hand-drag jibe just 10 yards in front of me, promptly letting out a holler, "And that was the **FIRST ONE** I ever did!"

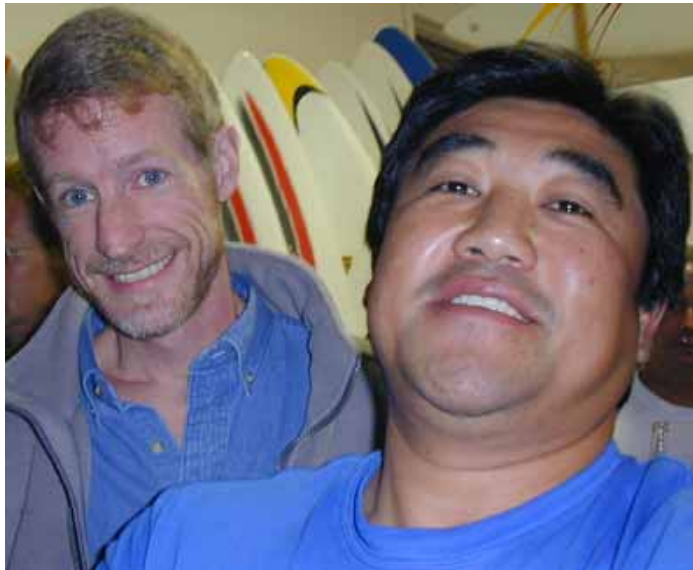
Tuesday continued the blow from the east-northeast with clouds and even cooler temperatures. Morning and noontime sessions were easily planable on a 5.8, and



Sharon Chickering, of the Wisconsin Chapter of BABA, and Dave Wallis

Windsurfing Heaven Again

Mark Sarrasin was chop hopping in front of me right and left. But by 3:30 — just as predicted — the nor-easter got fierce. The gusts felt like they were shaking your shoulders through the harness like being punished by a wicked schoolmarm when you were 5



Dan Fenstermacher & John Quinn

years old. Bam-bam-bam, like a hammer hitting your mast, as the gusts sprang between 22 and 35 mph in split seconds. **Mark Sarrasin**, not one to be intimidated by high winds, came in to shore, looking tired, and said, simply, "Smaller." By that time the pros had also taken to the water in droves, trying out the truckloads of demo equipment being displayed at one of the nearby Island Creek Houses as part of the Northsports product showcase.

The highlight of my week occurred just 30 minutes later. After I had gotten thrown over the handlebars on a 4.5 with a glorious splashy landing and was still trying to shake the water out of both ears, a smiling pro came whizzing toward me at speeds I could only dream of — heading straight for my face. Although he was aimed close enough to be able to shave my beard with his fin, if he had wanted to, the utter control and calm in his technique instantly calmed my fears. Just as he got within two mast lengths, he chop-hopped 6 feet into the air and took his free hand (he needed only one hand to do the jump) and tapped the bottom of his board at

the fin — the one that could have been my razor — and broke into huge grin. Showing my deep admiration, I did a Buddha bow, with hands perched together in front of my chest, as he sailed by.

I saw him twice more that afternoon on the water, but never did get a chance to meet him to thank him in person. (*ed note: Could it have been Robby?*)

Wednesday was a restful day, allowing folks to try out some teaching and learning, some with kites, and various other Hatteras recreations. But the wind picked up considerably at night, and after the bonfire, **Mark Raginsky, Nick Bertolini, and Mark Sarrasin** got rigged with lightsticks and got in a midnight session with an 18-22 northwest blow.

Thursday, the sound of flapping mylar from **Raginsky's** sails woke me as early as they had woken me late the previous night, rigging for the earliest sail of the day: 8:00. But if you know Mark,

you know that you should always heed his intuition and get out there when he does. Although the air pushed a chill in the low-60's with not a ray of sunshine, the session

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Dave & Jasmine Iseri





The Beast Jibes

by Doug Kon

The BABA trip was once again awesome, especially since it was capped with a visit from the great one himself (no, not Wayne Gretzky - although he is great)...Of course, I'm talking about **Robby Naish**. Like many of us, I have been following Robby's career for many years....in fact, it was 1975 when I first started reading about him and how at 13 he won the World Championships. He has truly been an idol of mine since I was about 10 years old.

During one light wind day on Island Creek, I was fortunate enough to get permission from **Bill Anderson** to try out his monstrous 11 or 12.0 sail on **Marc Rosen's RRD - Beast**. The wind had picked up just enough to get me planing and as I was coming in for a jibe, I groaned and moaned and made the jibe and suddenly heard the roar and applause of the BABA crowd! About 10-20 BABA'ers were loitering at the time. Well, it turns out that the great one himself also witnessed my groaning jibe as he complimented me on it later in **Windsurfing Hatteras** just after I'd gotten my picture with him!!! This may very well have been the greatest windsurfing day of my life! As we spoke some more, it turns out he was also on the water 3 days earlier with **Phil Anderson** and me during the nuclear winds and rain.

Robby was a big reason for my youthful interest in windsurfing. It was great meeting him and he is a really nice guy....hope we see him again soon.

Ed Note: During the trip Doug was usually seen screaming on a 5.5 on his 86L F2 Maui Project board.

Water Folly

by Nick Bertolini

Wondering what to do at Island Creek, Hatteras when the wind doesn't blow? Well, you break out the water balloon launcher. In this time of heightened security we must all be prepared and a few BABA members were doing their very best to defend our shores against sailboard attackers. What a firing team we had! **Sandy Rollins and Michelle Forrest** were filling up water balloons at a fantastic rate. **Mark Sarrasin and Scott McLean** stood fast as postmen for the balloon slingshot; while I served as the triggerman. Though we had **Don Caplan** as our targeting man (apparently he fired mortars in the military) we didn't hit a damn thing! I think we did come close to **Jonathan Forrest** and we may have actually hit **Albert Pritchard**...or was that last year? At any rate, we definitely need some practice, so take my advice and the next light wind day we have in Hatteras stay off shore or you'll be targeted as a threat to our homeland!



Now there's a target! Don Caplan celebrates his birthday,

On behalf of a grateful nation, thank you to all members of the water balloon launching team!



Sarah Thomas, Doug Kon & Alicia Pritchard in West Wind





I've Got a Flare for Bonfires

by Marc Rosen

This is the second BABA bonfire I was in charge of and again, a few lessons were learned. The evening started without any problems; wood was gathered from many of the houses, kindling and more wood was donated by **Ride Hatteras**, and most importantly, the beer was bought and kept cold.

Paula and I drove out to **Avon Sail House** where I dropped her off with a flashlight while I drove up to the beach access road, a half mile north. The plan was she would signal me at the beach when I approached the site where we would build the fire. Our timing was near perfect for she came across the last dune as I approached the area. We set a flag in the sand for wind direction and then I proceeded to dig a big hole for the fire.

After digging the hole-big enough to make a comfortable hot tub for four, a set of headlights appeared from the south. I motioned for the vehicle to go around, not wanting to be responsible for a broken axle, etc. but they stopped and a spotlight was shone on me, and the pit. It turned out to be a North Carolina police officer who asked me very nicely if I could dig a new pit much closer to the water. I was to walk towards the surf until he honked his horn to signal where I should relocate the pit. Then he apologized for making me do the extra work. He felt that the pit was too close to the dunes, especially if the wind would shift. Needless to say, the second hole was not as deep or wide as the first, but it was closer to the water.

Filling in the first hole was as much a back-breaker as digging out the first and second holes, and I felt it the remainder of the trip. Paula and I began arranging kindling and wood for the fire. The wind was too strong and every match was blown out before we could ignite any kindling. Stuffing papers into a cardboard box was to no avail. Finally, out of desperation, I grabbed a road flare from my truck and had that fire blazing in seconds! When all else fails, grab the heavy artillery. The flare had the cardboard and the logs around it burning furiously so I could settle down for a little relaxing kite flying.

Eventually we were joined by the other BABA members, some of whom were taking turns with the kite, or trying to shoot it down with fireworks provided by **Tom Sargent**. No one succeeded, but there were a few close calls. Again I had a great time setting up the fire and I'll be more prepared if I get to do it again. (One small note: For those of you who have never driven on a beach at night, it's really cool!)



What do these 2 have in common? One of them can loop, the other can cook. One gets extreme air, the other gets extreme crashes. To find out the answer just ask Marc or Bob.



Robby Naish & Phil Anderson



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and talking of only Robby.

After the Robby Naish meet and greet at **Windsurfing Hatteras** (check out our photo — Robby, Sarah and I), we had the traditional BABA bonfire on Wednesday night. Most BABA members came at some point that night. I have to confess that I wimped out way before some of the “older” folks. Guess it was all that windsurfing that tired me out. But in the true BABA tradition, I was ready to hit the water again the next morning. And even though this was something that my Mom and Dad enjoyed, I was having fun.

By the end of the week I was glad to think about getting back home to my friends, but I was also looking forward to our next Avon trip. I’m thinking that perhaps we should have a kids bonfire ... maybe even a kids house. Who knows .. it could become a new BABA tradition.

I learned a few things:

- 1) They may be old, but BABA members are really OK.
- 2) Wearing a wetsuit is not the worst thing in the world.
- 3) Parents tend to be much more relaxed and enjoyable in Avon than they are at home.
- 4) If your folks are buying sails, booms, masts, or anything related to windsurfing, they are much more likely to let you throw in a couple of shirts, shorts, jewelry, cars, or whatever. Chances are your things will cost much, much less than anything they are thinking about buying.

5) Trips like this would be a blast if more kids would come along.

P.S. These trips are fun, even if you end up sharing a bathroom with Doug.



Fred Thomas waiting for daughter Sarah to begin her lesson for the day

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up until about 11:00 am was blessed with good planing for all that had the neoprene to withstand it. Friday also had winds enough to satisfy all, with 15-20 mph variations through early afternoon.

All in all, the week rocked, and the intermissions lasted only long enough to regenerate those tired muscles and get psyched for the next great time on the water.



Mark Storch, Rick Ayella, Theresa Furnari



Steve & Sam Melnick, Robby & Daphne Lathouras



To Trailer or Not to Trailer: Part 3

by Bob Catzen

In parts one and two we made the case and criteria for purchasing and discussed layout. Part three will discuss usage. The fun part.

The Trailer Hitch: You'll need one. You can purchase the equipment at an auto parts store or where you bought the trailer. They have different designs for the various models of cars. One size does NOT fit all. They do bolt to the frame of the car, so the installation of the ball and support is relatively simple. The pain comes with the electrical connection for the lights and turn signals. Some cars have made it simple with a plug in harness; others make it more difficult. You can expect to pay \$250+/- for the hitch and electrical harness installed.

The Hook-up: This is where the fun begins. Once you've done it a few times, it takes less than 5 minutes to hook-up the trailer to the car. The steps are as follows:

1. Using the trailer jack, raise the trailer hitch up so the ball will fit under the tongue.
2. Back the car up to the hitch
3. Using the wheel under the jack (Part 1), maneuver the tongue over the ball
4. Open the latch on the tongue
5. Lower the tongue onto the ball and close the ball latch
6. Attach the safety chains. They criss-cross. That is, the right hand chain goes to the left hand loop on the hitch and vice-versa. To shorten the chain, just twist it. The links jamb together shortening the chain.
7. Attach the electrical harness to the car. Be sure there is plenty of slack so that when you are maneuvering the trailer it does not break.
8. Attach your rear view mirror attachment, if you got one (Part 1)

Wheel Blocks: If you have placed chocks or blocks in front of the wheels to keep the trailer from rolling on its own, now is the time to remove them. It is a good idea to make a couple of chocks for that purpose.

It beats searching for rocks.

On the Road Again: When you first drive off with the trailer, you may feel a surging sensation when you slow down or go over bumps. This can be adjusted out. There is a spring in the ball latch in the tongue. The tension can be adjusted with a bolt beneath the tongue. A 3/4" socket wrench is handy here. Tighten the bolt incrementally until the surging stops. If you over tighten, you will be unable to close the ball latch and you could score the ball. You need to use some judgment with this adjustment. Try to enlist the help of the trailer dealer as you are leaving the lot.

Steering: Going forward is a piece of cake. The trailer follows very well. You hardly have to account for it going around corners. You do need to be careful in gas stations, fast food drive throughs and similar situations to be sure you make you turn into the pump area with room for the trailer to straighten out behind you.

Backing is a challenge. The trailer will not back straight. You push back with a series of left and right maneuvers. Think which way you are pushing the yoke. It is like a boat tiller in that pushing it to the right steers the boat or trailer to the left. You do need to plan ahead when parking or maneuvering the trailer in order to be sure you have plenty of room for the rear of the car to swing to the right and left in order to direct the trailer. Like jibing and tacking, backing a trailer requires on the job training. It can also be just as frustrating as learning to board sail (especially when people are watching).

Maintenance: There really is not much to do for maintenance. There are two grease fittings for the axles; one in each hub. Pick up a hand pump grease gun from an auto supply store for less than \$15. The instructions tell you to pump until you see excess grease coming out of the cavity. I had to re-stick one of the gaskets at the rear door. Plain rubber cement did the trick.

If you have to mess with the wiring, the

white is the ground, the brown are the running lights, the green is the right (curb) side stop and turn signal and the yellow is the left side stop and turn signal. The wiring is very accessible..

The Down Side: Aside from the investment (discussed in Part 1) there are not many down side issues. The major one for me is the fuel usage. I pull my trailer (about 2000 lb.. loaded) with a 4 cylinder, 125 hp+/-, '96 Toyota Camry station wagon. It works, but the motor is really taxed to maintain anything over 60 mph. The gas mileage is cut in half and the motor labors and regularly gets over 3500 rpm. Windage is a large factor. There is a big difference between a strong head wind and a tail wind. With the latter, the motor runs at only 10% higher rpms. As is discussed in Part 1, smaller is better. I suspect, pulling a trailer with an SUV or van would be much more efficient because of the larger motors and larger profile in front of the trailer which will cut down on the windage from the trailer.

The Up Side: I cannot tell you how much pleasure it is to just hook up and go. It takes about 5 minutes between the time you leave the house and when you are rolling. Then, when you get to the launch site, you have a selection of everything you own right at the tail gate. Later, to change a board is a matter of a few minutes needed to pull a board from the rack and launch. The same is true when you leave the beach. You just slip each board in its rack, toss the sail in to drain, and hang the mast and boom. It takes so much of the drudgery out of the sport.

The End: As they say in the comic, movie short subject, "Tha, tha, tha, that's all folks".

(Ed. Note: *To Trailer or Not to Trailer: Parts 1 and 2 are available in the newsletter archives on www.windsurfbaba.org).*



July in the Gorge: So Little Equipment, So Much Wind

by Linda Grande

I am finally sitting down to write the article Daphne has been asking for since August. Actually, I was on my way to meet Paul at Rocky Point, today (November 6th) when in route my front axle on my car snapped. As it turned out, Back River today turned into a Gorge Day.

So, what can I say about The Gorge. It is not easy. There are so, so many places to sail that I could not begin to write about them. And we only sailed at three of the many sites on the Columbia River. Best bet is to get The Gorge Guide, it comes out every year and it is free. It has maps and descriptions of all the sites, lists places to stay, places to eat and other things to do. Somehow we had three by the time we arrived.

Leaving Baltimore on July 5th, when it was already 85 degrees at 6am was a real treat. We spent the first few nights in a B&B in Seattle owned by Joanne, who has a pet rabbit named Peter and a grown son who looked just like Patrick Swayze in "Dirty Dancing". We took a side trip to Mt. Rainer, on Joanne's advice, and had a wonderful scenic time. You must try the Rainer Cherries but I urge restraint as too many cherries will give you a stomach ache.

Our four hour trip to Hood River from Seattle was cool and rainy. We stopped in Portland to eat and do some quick sight seeing. They have a really neat Rose Garden and the Saturday Market, open on Sunday too, was a nice flash back to the 70's. Both have free admission.

John and Kim our hosts at the Beryl House in Hood River were great and tried daily to get us to do other things besides windsurf. John used to sail, but hadn't had time since moving to Hood River. They were really happy when we took a trip up to

Mt. Hood and a short day hike with Ken and Ann (see "Meeting Old Friends"). The B & B was located in the orchards about 3 miles from town. It was really peaceful.



Linda avoiding traffic

July 8th - Our First Day Out. I have to admit I was feeling really intimidated by stories of barges, people getting swept away in fast currents, and big swells. So, I decided for my first run across the river to take Paul's slightly larger board out (95 liters). Things were going fine until I got into the

shipping channel on the other side (we were at the Event Site). I guess the water is deeper and the swells get much bigger in the channel. Next thing I knew was that I was out of the harness, and said to myself that must mean "I have air". About a second later I was out of both foot straps. I had time to wonder what could break before I came down. Back in the water, boom still attached to my fingers, and all body parts checking in OK - I turned around to return to Oregon from the Washington side of the river. And there it was the sight you see in every windsurfing magazine about The Gorge. The little quaint town of Hood River with snow capped Mt. Hood behind it. It took the rest of my breath away.

Learning New Skills -Sailing was interesting in that the wind was coming from the west and the current was going west. (except, for the two days we sailed at Stevenson, WA. in east wind.) I sail up wind really well, especially when I am over powered which happened often in the Gorge. So, I would often find myself at least 1/2 mile up wind from the launch. I developed a method of getting back, going downwind without killing myself. Eventually, I got the message and stopped sailing up wind.

Meeting New Friends -

One day at the Event Site we were befriended by a couple from Butte, Montana. They invited us to a cook out in the parking lot after sailing. All the gang there had driven their wonderful motor homes and we had a fun time cooking and hearing sailing stories. Someone took out an Atlas and we all pointed out where we sail back home.

Traffic and Jibing - By day 5 of sailing I was feeling a little frustrated that I had not completed a jibe. "Must be the



Paul heading out to meet the historic paddle boat

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board” I thought to myself. Paul reported to me that he had made several jibes. So, now I was feeling more annoyed. Then, behold I realized I cannot jibe in heavy traffic in front of the beach where 50 plus sailors are getting ready to beach start, and another 50 people are on the beach watching. Just too much pressure and you wouldn't want to hit anyone. So, eventually, armed with this new knowledge, I made a few jibes before the shipping channel- I jibe better in Washington State.

Too Much Wind! – On July 13th we decided to try Rowena for the second time.

You can check out iwindsurf.com. There was a sailor on the beach and his meter read over 50. I attempted to go out on my 85 liter board and a 3.5 meter sail. And found it was much too big. I stood there shocked that I couldn't sail. Here in the Mid-Atlantic my motto has been “So much equipment, so little wind”, but on July 13th I was thinking “so much wind, so little equipment.” I thought about going back to the rental shop in Hood River (about a 20 minute trip) but thought “what if the wind dies, but what if it doesn't.” I felt con-

fused. I thought of trying out the special little Gorge Board, made by Hi Tech. They are small, heavy & have the mast further forward to keep the board in the water. They also have a small fin, plus two little side fins that are slightly angled to slow you down. But I thought “there won't be any left and should a woman who just turned 50 be out in this anyway?” Discouraged I gave my rig to Paul who took a few runs and returned saying it was too much for him, so we agreed to head to The Dalles.

The Dalles – Now ya'll don't need to make a special trip out west to see this town but if you are nearby and there is too much wind it could be interesting in a sort of retro type way. There is a neat museum just outside town that is worth seeing on extreme wind days. We saw a bed liner of a pick up truck blow away - out of the parking lot and disappearing into the ravine. Arriving at downtown The Dalles we found a festival of sorts going on. The town would be a per-

fect movie set for a 1960's flick. I mean perfect.... people told us that Hood River was like this before it was taken over by windsurfing and snow boarding, and now kiting. All Paul could say was “I don't belong here”.

Meeting Old Friends and Whining -

The real highlight of our trip was spending our second week with our good friends from Seattle, Ken and Ann. Ken is the president of the Boeing Windsurfing club and we got to dine with some of the club members. We met Ken in Aruba back in 1994 and have vacationed with him in San Francisco. A



Paul, left/center in the thick of it.

few years ago we spent a week with him and Ann in Aruba, while they were on their honeymoon. Ann is a really brave woman. She learned to sail in Aruba and has never sailed a long board. By this point in the trip I was very into whining and complaining about the gusty conditions and having to rig up and down all day. I just could not seem to get the right sail, or it wasn't right for very long. By the end of the week Ken, probably fed up with me, said he tells people at the Gorge to “rig for the Gusts and just rest during the Lulls.” And so it was true. You just rig what you want - something small - and go. Sometimes it's perfect, the next minute it's not. So, this is how it is in The Gorge.

My Last Day - Thinking that I might not see this much wind for a while (and I was right). I just stayed on the same sail all day, for many, many hours I sailed back and forth between the states. I dealt with the lulls and held on during the gusts. I was not go-

ing to complain any more. Taking a fast, very overpowered run toward the launch (and as was my custom blowing my jibe) I was surprised when a young man asked me what size sail I was on. I yelled back “4.6” and he said “Impressive”. Wow, now I was feeling wonderful, terrific, empowered! I could not believe that in a place where people did moves with names I never heard of that someone noticed little old me going so fast. So, with my new found confidence I took off ...and made two jibes right near Paul who was relaxing in the water.

Heading Home

– We stopped again in Seattle to stay with Joanne, Peter Rabbit, and Patrick S. On the way we saw Mt. St. Helens. Amazing what a volcano can do and how it still looks 20 years later. It is worth a visit. On our last day we took a day trip to Victoria, B.C. It was great and I would recommend spending a few days there.

Linda's Gorge Tips

1- Take a camera – there is so much to photograph. One with zoom lenses would be best.

2- Water Start – Fast – or else sail at The Hook. Check out the current before you go out. Also, ask the locals where the shipping channel is – as it varies at different spots on the river. Also, look out for the barges.

3- Bring Rubber - I wore a 5/3 daily, some folks can wear less. I lasted only 2 hours in a 3/2 one day. Paul was able to wear a 3/2 daily. Although, the air temps can go up to 100 plus, the water was in the 60's.

4 – See some of the surrounding sites. The mountains are beautiful.

5- Get a Gorge Guide before you go

6- Bring stuff for cooler nights. Unlike our summer nights, it cools down to the 50's some evenings.

7- Don't forget the sun screen. I burned my back one day sitting watching The Gorge Games. The sun is strong out there – less air pollution blocking the rays.

8- Don't Whine... just rig, enjoy and hold on.....

BABA Mid-Winter Party Mark Your Calendar!

BABA's Mid-Winter party will be held on **Saturday, February 15, 2003** at the home of **Jeff and Linda Riach** in Timonium, our gracious hosts from two years ago. BABA members who attended the party at the Riach's will remember the great food, the exceptional camaraderie (especially important with a couple of months to go before we get out on the water again - well - **Mark Weinman, Nick Bertolini, Fred Hylla**, and several others who sail with ice on the bay are the exceptions), and the fantastic competition at the pool table downstairs. Don't worry pool sharks, the Riach daughters are away at college so you can only be beaten by Jeff himself!

Details and directions will be available in the Jan/Feb newsletter, but you should reserve this date now for an annual BABA event that you do not want to miss.



BABA Winter Trip Lake Arenal, Costa Rica

It is time to act if you would like to join us in Lake Arenal this winter. We are going to be shredding in Costa Rica Jan 25 to Feb 2. Airfares have dropped but will not stay at this price for long. **DO IT NOW!!! DON'T MISS OUT.** I booked my ticket for \$478.

If you have any further question, e-mail LitwakA@aol.com



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BABA TV

Maryland Public Television will air the "Outdoor Maryland" episode featuring BABA and windsurfing on the Gunpowder in March 2003. Stay tuned to www.windsurfbaba.org for details.

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For Sale:

'98 **Mistral Superlight II** (with the good -easy to adjust- mast track), two daggerboards, two fins, one mast foot. Excellent condition \$750. Lakes Bay bag to fit, \$150. '98 **Bic Veloce 298** (137L) Excellent condition, three fins (1 weed) \$325. Lakes Bay bag to fit, \$75 **Footstraps** - never used - (RRD) \$6 each, \$10/pair. **2001 EZZY 4.5 Wave SE**, excellent condition, \$270. **2001 EZZY 3.7 Wave SE**, excellent condition, \$270. **2002 EZZY Infinities**; All in great to excellent condition. 5.4 - \$350, 6.0 - \$355, 6.6 - \$375, 8.5 - \$405. Call Marc at (H) 410-374-1230 or (W) 410-502-DUCK or duckbite@qis.net



Gear For Sale:

Boards: 2002 AHD G-ride 63, perfect condition - \$850, Lakes Bay Bag - \$100, 2000 F2 Phoenix - \$700, Trident Bag - \$50. **Sails/Masts:** Gaastra Nitro3's, 12.0 - \$575 (mast \$450), 10.4 - \$550 (mast \$350), 9.3 - \$550 (mast \$400) - all available November 1. 2002 Gaastra Pulse 7.2, excellent condition - \$350 (FS Reflex Wave 460 - \$300). **Kites:** Takoon Akooba 12.2m - \$500, F-One Magic 15m - \$675, both are medium aspect 4 line kites (bars and lines available for either for additional \$125). **Fins:** 2001 Handmade, wide chord (ax), 70cm Curtis CR15 - \$125, 36cm Freeride(pb)-\$55, 32cm Freeride(pb)-\$75, 25cm weed wave (abox, new)-\$75 **Misc:** 2001 NP Race Harness (m) - \$45, FS Mast Bags, 460cm) - \$25 each. Contact Sam Franck VA11@cox.net or 757.810.8784.

For Sale:

2000 World 7.5 with 3 cams - \$100 (a powerful sail); **Wave boom** for 3.0 to 5.0 sails, hardly ever used \$75 (great for teenager). Contact Bob Catzen 410 737 2191 x 9411(w) or 410 523 3325 (h) or by e-mail bob@catzen.com



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Gear Purchase Survey

Hello BABA members,

It would be beneficial if we can approach our sponsors this year with some information as to how effective their support of BABA has been. This survey was constructed to determine how much support we have given them - in the form of buying their products - as thanks for the support they have provided us with promotional and sailing products. Please take a few minutes to fill this out. Be as detailed as you like. Your submission will be kept confidential but a copy of the compiled data will be available upon request. Try to get this to me before Dec.15.and I will attempt to have this compiled by New Year's Day. You may mail this to me at BABA Sponsor, 4109 Church Road, Millers, MD 21102 (or return by email to duckbite@qis.net) *Duplicate or modify if necessary.*

Windsurfing and related gear purchased in the last 12 months. Please indicate purchases that were influenced by gear demos or gift giveaways at races/club functions, etc. For the shop, list the shop name and if applicable, whether it was by phone or via Internet.

	Brand	Model/size	Shop/dealer	Influence
Sail				
Sail				
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Board				
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Boom				
Mast				
Mast				
Bases				
Extensions				
Harness				
Wet suit				
Gloves				
Accessories				
Hydration unit				
Clothing				
GPS				
Energy bars				
Trips				
Sun block				
Clinics				
Magazines				

Other comments on gear...

You list it... I'll Compile it Thanks very much .for participating. Marc

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Snowboard Swap Dec 7, 2002

Don't miss East of Maui's Annual Snowboard Swap Dec 7th. If you need to sell your old gear before you buy new gear, or you just need to save some cash by picking up some used equipment, the Swap is the place to do it. If you have stuff to sell: Bring it to the shop on Thursday or Friday (Dec 5th or 6th).. East of Maui will check it over, check it in, and help with the pricing. If we sell your gear you get 100% store credit towards the purchase of '03 snowboard equipment, or 75% cash back. If you want to buy: Stop by the shop Saturday Dec, 7th. Let our professional staff help you choose the right gear. Special one day only pricing on all '03 Snowboards and Accessories.

East of Maui Goes On-line!

East of Maui is currently developing an on-line shopping site to make purchasing your Windsurfing and Kite gear even easier. Check out www.eastofmaui.com for more information. Don't forget, just because you don't see it on the web or in the store, it doesn't mean East of Maui can't get it. Please ask if you don't see something that you are looking for. East of Maui is always happy to ship product to customers, if it is not convenient to stop by the store. East of Maui will be adding new gear and updates to the website on a regular basis throughout the winter months.

End of Season Sale

All 2002 Windsurfing and Kite products are all on sale. Save 20%-30% on boards and sails, and kites. Closeout pricing available from most all of East of Maui's suppliers.

Mark's Shop Demo Gear Available

Mark Bandy has returned from Hatteras and all of his 2002 demo gear is now for sale: AHD GT 85 \$950; AHD FreeDiamond 74 \$899; Hifly 272 \$725; Sailworks Retro 9.0 \$350; Sailworks Retro 6.5 \$350; Sailworks Retro 5.5 \$350; Ezzy Wave SE 5.0 \$369; Ezzy Wave SE 4.2 \$339. All equipment is in excellent shape. Call Mark for more info

Thank you. East of Maui would like to thank our BABA customers for supporting our shop. We really do appreciate your business. We wish everyone a happy and safe Holiday and winter season. Hope to see everyone on the slopes, or in the shop this winter. For those wintering in warm windy climates.....enjoy!

Aloha,

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