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Hatteras for the Soul



Tom Hickey

by Tom Hickey

How do I tell the tale of the wonderful week of this year's spring Hatteras trip. I had quite a few words of chronology hammered out, before sending them to the recycle bin. When I read them over the words were lacking. The words left something out. They lacked contrast. They had detail and a little passion, but like a polar bear in a blizzard, the beauty and the power were hard to see. Contrast is the word that kept coming back to me. I will leave it to others to talk of wind speed, board and sail size. I will try to tell of the stark contrasts that made this trip so wonderful.

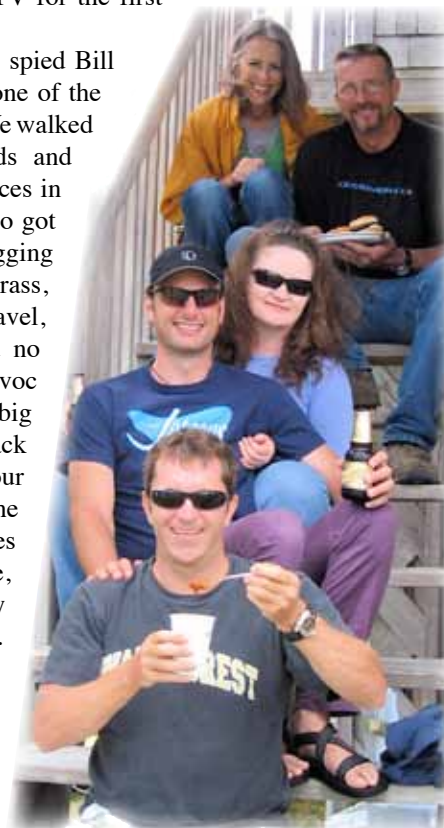
I work in a factory hidden in the hills of central Pennsylvania. The work is hot, dirty and monotonous, making mining tools from powdered metal and steel. It pays the bills but taxes the soul. My sailing is typically done alone, on small lakes surrounded by hills. The wind swirls and gusts. Planning is done in short bursts before I must change direction or end up in the woods. The water is deep and the wind light. Uphauling is the norm and waterstarts are but a dream. Each board requires its own state launch permit and the ranger keeps me in my life jacket with his citation book. Don't get me wrong. It is not a bad thing. After every session I drive home with my 'sailing high'. It gives me serenity.

The past few years Deb Fox and I have ventured south in the springtime. We have been attending Windfest at Frisco Woods Campground, and it has been good. High winds, light winds. Sleeping in the back of the car. Cooking our meals on the grill. We made a few friends drank a little wine, swatted mosquitoes, got drenched by the rain and learned how to remove and identify dif-

ferent species of ticks, and it was good. The sailing high was there and made all things tolerable.

This year a twist of fate made Deb and I available for the BABA Spring Hatteras trip. Coby, though his hard work, made it possible for us to get into one of the six houses he arranged. I was a little anxious, as we drove up the driveway to the Surround Sound house in Avon. When the driveway ended, we were in awe. The house was beautiful. Being the first ones there, we toured the well-decorated rooms, gawked at the pool and Jacuzzi, and stood in wonder from the third floor deck. A king size bed, private bath, and amazing view. We must looked like Amish teenagers who have just glimpsed MTV for the first time.

From the deck I spied Bill and Helen's trailer at one of the houses on the sound. We walked the two hundred yards and said hello. Familiar faces in a strange land. We also got our first view of the rigging and launching area. Grass, soft and green. No gravel, sand or asphalt. And no hills or trees to play havoc with the wind. With big smiles we walked back to the house to move our gear a little closer to the water. Our housemates had begun to arrive, their vehicles heavily laden with equipment. All of them were different and new to us, but with a common passion. The other houses filled up also, with friends from



bottom to top - Clark Green, Phil Anderson & Charlotte Firestone, Deb Fox & Tom Hickey



Fall Hatteras Trip October 10-17, 2009

We have rented 5 Soundfront houses in Avon for October, 2009. More information on p 7.

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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2009 Racing News

10th Annual Gerry Brown Memorial Race for Cancer Research



Longboard start at BABA 1



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

Thank you to **Marc Rosen and Tomaso Sargent** for organizing the 10th Annual Gerry Brown Memorial Race which is also the first race of the BABA season. Race fees and money raised by participants were donated to the Sidney Kimmel Comprehensive Cancer Center at Johns Hopkins. We'd also like to thank **Aimee Poisson and the Baltimore County Sailing Center** for hosting the regatta and providing the committee boat. **Ezzy Sails and New England Wind-surfing Journal** sponsored the event. It turned out to be a beauti-

ful day for longboard racing at Rocky Point and the race committee was able to get 4 races off, with **Farrah Hall** taking all firsts - yes, it's hard for us mortals to compete with an Olympian in training!

BABA 2 & 3 Races and Camp Out at Gunpowder

Commodore Tomaso and the race committee volunteers - **Mark Raginsky, Jack Ames, Paul Smith (new BABA member from Philly) and Yuji Hiratsuka** conducted 2 days of great longboard racing at the Gunpowder on May 30 - 31. Lots of other BABA folks pitched in to help with logistics (meals, snacks, beverages, sponsor gifts, etc) to make the event seamless for all the participants and their families. Thanks also to **Rich Knox** for providing

the committee boat for the weekend.

Saturday we had 5 races - the first 3 in really shifty winds as the thermal was mixing it up with the front in the middle of the river. One race even had a complete 180 degree wind shift so we had 2 down-wind legs in opposite directions. The 2 late afternoon races were in much cleaner winds as the thermal took over, but still not consistent enough for the formula fleet, which had 2 starts but no races to count for the BABA season.

We had 2 novice racers join in for the first time this weekend. **Ali Soylu**, who will be a force to reckon with once he learns how to tack & jibe his longboard has only 1 year of windsurfing under his belt and he's making incredible progress. His J24 racing strategies will serve him well in longboard

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BABA 1 participants show off their NEWJ



2009 Racing & Clinic News

BABA Clinics for 2009

by Janice Emerling, Clinic Coordinator

racing. **Larry Pfeifle** also joined the novice fleet with a sailboat racing background. The novice fleet is the most important fleet at every race - see you next time, and hopefully some other new racers will join us.

Sunday got off to a slow start, and then the wind started filling in from all directions once again. It was confusing racing with several dead spots in the center of the race course but the committee got 3 longboard races off - another gorgeous day at the Gunpowder.

Formula windsurfers didn't get any race scores but those who were on the water at the right time got their adrenalin racing with some really fast reaches up and down the river.

Race scores will be posted at www.winssurfbaba.org.

BABA 4 Race and Meet at the Beach is June 14 at Mayo - looking forward to seeing the regulars there, and hoping to see some more new faces. Dare we say it again - put the date on your calendar and show up! The Mayo launch is terrific and race day is an opportunity for folks who didn't join Mayo Wind to try it out (\$5 park entry fee for cars without a Mayo Wind permit).

BABA 1 Winners - Fan Pat, Women's Longboard; Bruce Rigg, Sport Formula; Jack Ames, Men's Longboard limited; Farrah Hall, Longboard Open



Skipper's Meeting at BABA 2 Race and Camp Out at Gunpowder

Petra Kanz clinics

I expect by now everyone has had some time on the water. You may even be thinking that there are a few moves you've been working on for years, and wish you were closer to completing them. This is your big chance. We have, here in the mid Atlantic, a great resource. Petra Kanz is a professionally certified windsurfer, available for two day weekend clinics. The clinic attendees chose the theme. Clinics include lectures, simulator work, time on the water and sail chi. Everyone who has ever attended had great things to say about how much they learned. One newcomer to the club suggested an October clinic, which we have never done but is certainly worth considering. Any new, outside the box ideas will be entertained. So, email or call me, if we can get four people to agree on a plan we'll be good. janiceemerling@verizon.net or 410-457-4001.

Learn to Windsurf

We have only a few open spots in our learn to windsurf clinic. I've heard from several interested people, and don't expect the openings to last long. Sunday, June 28th is the latest we've ever had the clinic, which makes it much more likely that the air and water will be warm. The clinic is \$30. It lasts four hours: consists of lecture, simulator work and time on the water. We use the beginner equipment belonging to **Ultimate Watersports**, which is perfect for learning on. One of the **Ultimate Watersports** instructors provides instruction, and BABA members help on the water. This year's clinic is the same day as a BABA race, so there will be accomplished sailors on the water to provide inspiration. Encourage your friends to call - or email. janiceemerling@verizon.net; 410-457-4001.



Colin Pitts chasing Farrah Hall at BABA 1

April Fools Wave Bash

by Chuck Schnee

The 2009 Annual Burnt Weeny Sandwich and Baked Bean Boogie April Fools Wave Jumping Contest and Hot Dog Roast sponsored by Aix Sponsa and funded by BABA member **Marc Rosen** was held at the Rocky Point golf course site on Saturday, April 4th.

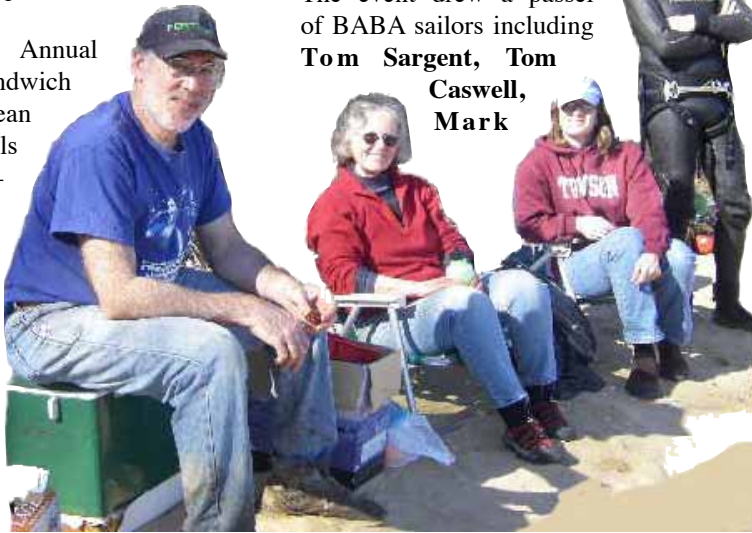
iWindsurf showed 43 mph gusts from 9 to 10 AM, but conditions eased to the low/mid thirties and 4.5s to 4.7s seemed to work most of the rest of the day.

After heavy rains on Friday (April 3), Saturday emerged bright and sunny – and WINDY. With a solid westerly predicted for the day, Rocky was the clear choice. **Joe Wingard** was first to tear up the river, followed by **Colin Pitts and Fan Pat**, and many others. The whitecaps stayed on the water all day.

There was a minor diversion when Rick Ayella broke a mast on the other side of the river. A fast van rescue aided by Marc Rosen and his trusty GPS device brought Rick back to sail again in the late afternoon.

A lot more folks descended on “The Rock” as the afternoon unfolded.

The event drew a passel of BABA sailors including **Tom Sargent, Tom Caswell, Mark**



Marc & Paula Rosen, ???, Joe Wingard

Raginsky, Craig Heffner, Bill Anderson & Helen VanGelder, Colin Pitts & Fan Pat, Joe Wingard, Fran Conway, and others whom we may have missed.

Thanks, **Marc and Paula Rosen**, for



Bill Anderson minding the stove.

your efforts and dedication in putting on this annual BABA event which has always been a fun deal.



Tom Caswell



Fan Pat heading for the wind line.



Mark Raginsky



Craig Heffner



New Leader in the 2009 BABA Speed Quest

by Roger Fitzgerald
BABA Speed Quest Timekeeper

Tom Caswell logged some excellent speeds on what he described as an “old school slalom” board, a Drops 48 x 270 board with a F1 Falcon 30cm fin and a 2008 KA Konzept sail. The KA (pronounced “kay a”) sails are well represented on GPS-Speedsurfing.com, many sailors have taken them beyond 40 knots on flat water sites around the world. Tom was sailing at the Canadian Hole in Hatteras, and his tracks were recorded with the Navi Gt-31, the top rated GPS device on GPS-Speedsurfing.com because of the accuracy of the Doppler recorded speeds. Tom says “Water was lumpy at the Hole, with some occasional flat spots, wind was 25 to 32 with some higher gusts.” Of course Tom was also using a custom boom, built from broken Fiber Spar booms, that may have added to his speed!

Tom Caswell: 29.653 knots 5 x 10 second average, 30.907 knots 2 sec. max., 5-7-09

Here are some more speeds from Hatteras, these were recorded at Island Creek (Avon) in early April:

Roger Fitzgerald: 27.125 knots 5 x 10 sec., 28.127 knots 2 sec. max., 4-10-09

Craig Heffner: 27.068 knots 5 x 10 sec, 29.625 knots 2 sec. max, 4-7-09

Please send your GPS tracks to me to get started in this contest, and remember, there is still plenty of time to catch up to the new leader, just find some flat water and go for it. Send tracks to: fitz@qis.net



Correction - in the last issue of the BABA newsletter we had the wrong web address for Vela - it is www.velawindsurf.com

BCSC Windsurfing is Back!!

Baltimore County Sailing Center is thrilled to announce that this summer Britt Viehman of the North Beach Windsurfing School is again joining them as windsurfing instructor for camps offered in August. Britt is also the coach of Team USA, US Windsurfing's junior group.

This camp is specifically designed for the beginning windsurfer. The step by step system of land simulation followed by water practice will allow a beginner to learn quickly. Lessons emphasize balance and technique over strength, which allows students to learn quicker and easier.

Campers can build confidence in the shallow protected waters of Hawk Cove before taking on the more challenging winds of Middle River, Back River, and the Chesapeake Bay. Confidence soars as campers are windsurfing on their first day - guaranteed!



Windsurfing Camp is offered in two different one week long camps.

Windsurfing session 4A 8/3-8/7

Windsurfing session 4B 8/10-8/14

Ages 10-16 \$369 per camper.

Bus service is available on a first come, first served basis so register early!!

<http://www.bcsailing.org/>





BABA IN AVON OCTOBER 10-17, 2009

It is now time to make a reservation for your space in the sun, wind and fun for the Fall BABA pilgrimage to the Outer Banks!

By Fred Thomas



We are the largest group visiting the Cape, and when we come, it's BABA week in Avon. We have rented 5 houses, all Soundfront, in Island Creek. Go to <http://www.hatterasrealty.com/> to check these houses out: Island Storm, Star, Mist, Sky, and Gust. These houses all have 4 bedrooms, plenty of baths, hot tubs, great launch sites, nice grassy rigging areas with ample room for all that equipment, secure indoor equipment storage rooms, and nice gathering areas. There are fewer shared rooms this year as the houses have been updated and reconfigured. Because of space limitations, priority will be given to fall 2008 trip goers.

Closer to the trip time, we will organize and assign rooms via email. We'll try to have the same houses as last year, such as the Lets Dish house, and the Let's Have Fun house. Sorry, no pets. The price is \$225 for a shared room (double occupancy; many have private baths) and \$440 for private room, most with king beds and private baths.

To guarantee your place in the wind, sun and fun that goes with BABA's Avon excursions, do the following by July 1, 2009.

1) email me to let me know that you're coming (so I can acknowledge as well),
Email: frederick.thomas06@gmail.com

2) Show me the money by sending your check made out to "BABA" along with your reservation form.

OCTOBER 10 - 17, 2009 HATTERAS TRIP RESERVATION FORM

Please send by July 1, 2009

Name _____

Email _____

What accommodation do you want? _____ Private room, mostly king beds \$440
 _____ Shared room, single bed \$225

Any preference for house or room/house mates? _____
 (we'll try to accommodate, but don't count on it; this is confidential)

PLEASE MAIL TO: Fred Thomas, 2418 Meadowside Ct, Monkton, MD 21111



Al Marani

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the BABA races and more new faces all with smiles and an eye towards the wind and water.

We sailed. We sailed every day. We planed every day. I cannot tell you when I sailed, or what board and what sail, in what conditions. I can tell you I sailed every board I have. I started big. As my confidence grew, I moved to smaller boards that I had thought I would never be able to sail. Two hundred twenty five pounds of me on a 95 liter board had ended in swimming the board back to the beach, at home. Here it flew. Up to speed and locked in, I surprised myself more that once by how far out I got in such a short time. Being able to beach start made it so pleasurable, and then a surprise. I had read in a magazine that butt dragging in shallow water was a good way to learn to

try. Within minutes, my butt dragging turned into my first ever waterstart. It was like the feeling of when the training wheels came off my first bike - I started off, a little wobbly but joyfully thinking, 'I'm doing it!' What sense of accomplishment.

There were lessons too. A big thanks to Brent, at Ocean Air. He had Deb beach starting and me in the straps. Being able to walk to the shop from the house was a big bonus. Deb liked their Prodigy boards and was able to pick up a



Tom Beckman



Bob Catzen

used one. (Note to self: I really should give away some of my boards). Also thanks to those you loaned out those much desired smaller sails. (Note to self: I really should pick up some smaller sails).

There was much than being out on water. There was watching and learning from other sailors. There were waffles in the morning, cocktails in the evening and a king size bed on which to lay our exhausted bodies at night. There was good conversation and fellowship all the time. Forty people

together, of all ages, from all walks of life, with a common passion. There was much talk of sailing, technique, locations, but there was much more. There were forty people with a passion for life. I guess it is only natural. With a sport that makes you a true part of the wind and the water, how could you not have a passion for life?

I am back to work now. Each day I scrub grease and carbide from the fading tan on my hands and fore-arms. My gear spends more time on top of my car than it should. I am far from Hatteras and the contrast between here and there is great. But perhaps the contrast makes the memories more vivid and more cherished. Deb and I are very grateful to **Coby Leyden** and the other BABA volunteers who organized the trip and those who attended and made it so memorable. With a little luck we will do it again in the fall....

Ali Soylu



front row (l-r) - Warren Evans, Al Marani, Bob Catzen.
back row (l-r) - Dave Turner, Don Paxton, Jeff Forte, Tom Heiple





Coby hanging on to his 4.4

by Coby Leyden, Trip Coordinator

Simply put, on a scale of 1 to 10, the BABA's May Hatteras Trip scored...an "11." Alert BABAites will remember that this trip coordinator promised that if we didn't have at least 2 days of planing conditions, that I personally would buy a case of beer for each house. And this year...that would have been a lot of beer, because we had a record SIX houses of thirsty windsurfers who were only too willing to make sure I'd follow through on that promise.

Well, I needn't have worried...I was off the hook by Monday evening. And all the rest of the week, I'd wake up suddenly from beer-induced, soporific images of shore crabs relentlessly attacking my body,



Tom Whittmore and Phil Anderson

May Hatteras Trip Scores an "Eleven."

only to realize that it was just me pinching myself to make sure I wasn't dreaming. Because from the time we arrived to the time we left, not a day went by without some great sailing, great eats, great people. The root cause of it all, of course, was the wind –

To recap:

Day's sailing with full-on planing conditions: 7.

Days skunked: 0.

Yes, the sailing was THAT good.

But it wasn't just the sailing. BABAites are a terrific bunch to hang with, so much of the credit for a great week goes to everyone's WAHOO smiles that you'd see whenever you looked up. Maybe it's just me, but people really seemed to be enjoying each other equally as much as the sailing. Of course, context counted. We had a new house on Island Creek this year – Surround Sound – that was the perfect place for a party, complete with private pool and ping pong. Throw in all the pizza you could eat in 8 varieties, all the beer you could drink in 10 varieties, and 41 windsurfers in their 41 varieties of stoke...and well, it becomes difficult to find anything wrong with the world at that particular moment.

And then there was the

on the water BBQ with this year's unannounced surprise theme of "Beckman-ventions!" Huh? Well, you had to be there, I guess. **Tom Beckman** took charge of the Thursday BBQ, and came up with some remarkably amazing ergonomic tweaks for the event. For example, there were the bags of chips that lay along the upside-down board/table, all neatly clipped open to a line that ran down the center of the board, which further down ran through the roll of paper towel napkins so that nothing could blow away. And then there were the plastic

spoons taped to the tops of the condiment jars. You just lifted the lid, dug into the jar with the attached spoon, and re-covered...no more searching for spoons, or wondering where to put the lids. Plus Tom put out profuse amounts of signage with the delight of a kindergartener. No way one could mistake the hot dog bun package from the hamburger bun package. (But Tom knew better than to put an unnecessary sign labeling the beer cooler.) Hey thanks, Tom...can't wait to what your design talents will create for next year!

Did I mention that this year, the club



Blistered hands...



Bill Van Den Berg and Helen Dempsey

brought something new to the trip: Subsidized lessons? True...we actually PAID people to have a good time. Club members saved \$30 off their individual and group lesson fees...it's amazing how much a little financial grease will shorten your learning curve, eh?

Now, I'm hesitant to say this...because it would be really, really hard to top this year's trip...but it's possible that next year's May trip could be a "12." Not that the winds could be any more steadfast, the newcomers happier, the women more engaging, the lessons cheaper, the tales taller, the food more delicious, or the beer more plentiful, ...no, I'd say it'd be near impossible to improve in those areas. It's just that next year, our Monday party falls on...Cinco de Mayo! Oooh. My head hurts already.

The Nuclear Option

by Tom Cobin

Wherever you were on the Outer Banx the week of the BABA trip, it was “the nuclear option.” I’ve been going to the Outer Banx to windsurf for more than 20 years, and I’ve never, EVER had as much wind on as many days!

On my way to Avon, I stopped at Dr. Bob Rowland’s house for the latest “RodantheFest” of Hampton Roads (aka WET) windsurfers who migrated there for the day. Bob kindly let me hop onto his 4.0 sail and 79-liter Drops wave board (the “little sister” to my own 88-liter Drops: same year, same graphics). Bob was expecting to be amused at my foibles, now pushing



Clark Green - yes, his shorts stayed on!

50 years old, and not having sailed in that kind of wind for about five years; instead, he was as impressed as I was pleased that it came right back, “just like riding a bicycle.” OK, so I didn’t complete a single jibe; it was an accomplishment to hang on for even a single run without getting launched!

I was among those who made arrangements late, and thus were assigned to the last BABA house **Coby Leyden** booked: Windy Station, two blocks south of the main BABA houses in Island Creek. That first Sunday, **Warren Evans, Adam Cartwright** and I decided to drive our as-yet unpacked vehicles north to be with the group. Again, 30+ conditions called for tiny gear: for me, my 4.4 meter sail and 88-liter wave board. Still far from dialed-in, it was gratifying to at least carve through a few jibes. With a forecast for week-long wind, I didn’t want to burn out too soon, so I quit and packed-up in mid-afternoon.

Or so I thought. The unmistakable

voice of John Contos (of Wind-surfing Enthusiasts of Tidewater) snapped me back to reality: “Come on, I came all the way down here to sail with you! Let’s make a reef run – I just spent two hours out there, it’s great!” I had to plead guilty to failing to check my phone and thus missing John’s two calls to say he was headed down from Virginia Beach. So I re-rigged and we set off for the reef. I warned Johnny to go easy on me – which he did, thoughtfully stopping and standing next to the fishing net that otherwise would probably have snagged my fin and sent me flying over the handlebars. Next stop: the reef!

My legs burning

with fatigue, my hands stinging with blisters, I managed a few small jumps and wave-riding jibes before even John had to admit we should head home.

Then the convenience of launching from your own house -- and leaving gear rigged -- set-in, for the rest of the week. Warren, Adam and I joined **Dave Brown** sailing out of Windy Station, with

its waist-deep water relieving the fear of skeg-catching sandbars and the resulting catapults. The wooden deck stretching for several houses worked out well.

It was great to settle-into a groove with my house-mates, make runs out & back together, jibing around each other and witnessing both “the thrill of victory” and “the agony of defeat.” What a pleasure to stop whenever you liked, for lunch or just Gatorade, then just plop your gear back into the water and take off again. When we finally got a lighter-wind day (just 15-20) I offered our other housemates **Bill Kostoff and Cheryl Powers** on-land lessons: for Bill, on using the harness; for Cheryl, basic theory and technique, and sail handling. For the on-water portion of Bill’s lesson he used my 4.4 sail and Warren’s large F2 Phoenix board. Then Warren broke out his digital camera and switched on video mode, capturing Bill hooked-in and hanging! The



Paul Kenyon

jibe videos of Dave, Warren, Adam and me made for a great “clinic” that evening: we could see what worked and what didn’t, what progress we were making and what mistakes we kept repeating. Far more effective than any store-bought instructional video!

On the final Saturday, Warren and I closed Windy Station and drove back to the now-vacated Island Creek for a final session before hitting the road. I was soon so weak and sore that I couldn’t carve the board or hold onto the sail through a jibe. That’s what a week of 30 knots will do to you! Unfortunately, that meant I never got to sail with Glenn Woodell and Chad Perkins, who were down from Virginia Beach for the day. But, hey: the season has only just begun -- I can’t wait for future sessions at Gunpower; Mayo; Willoughby; and, eventually in the fall, back to OBX!

Phil Anderson



*The Wind...
the Avon chapter*

by Adam Cartwright

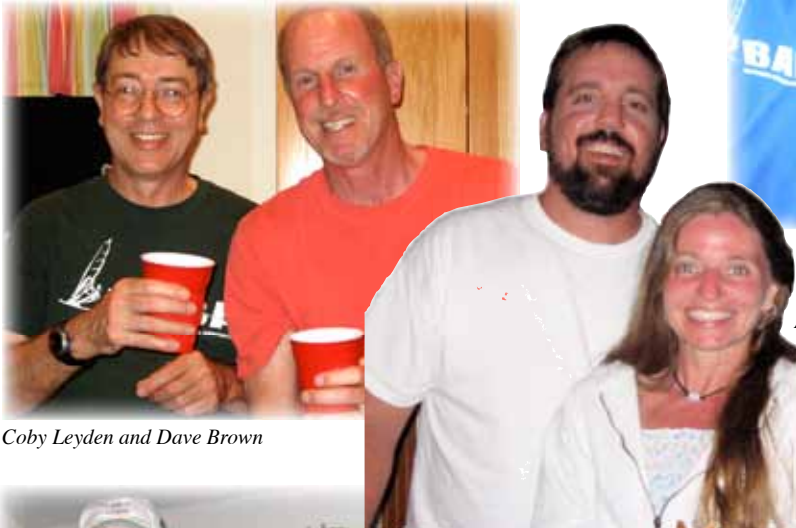
Howling winds to share with friends
Wide open sound that seems to never end
A serendipitous treat but with dues to pay
Dancing with this mistress can be a treacherous play
Trips down south I always knew would be grand
At the end of the day I thought I'd still be able to stand
But far reaching tacks and punishing seas
Seem to cripple even the strongest of knees
Nuclear jibes at mach one speeds
Only strengthen the desire of my deep seeded needs
To feel the caress of that fickle mistress
Because I know she will cleanse all of life's little stress
If I'm willing to hold back a tear
When a trip over the bar shatters my new gear
After all its but a simple toy
Through which can be found endless joy
And when this amazing trip ends
I'll regale with these tales my new found friends



Bill Anderson, Helen Van Gelder, Bill Van Den Berg & Helen Dempsey



Bob Catzen and Al Marani checking out the weather.



Coby Leyden and Dave Brown

Adam Cartwright and Debra Baysinger



Larry Ake, Ali Soylu and Tark Yetiser



Alice Mascette, Tom Beckman, Coby Leyden and Deb Baysinger checking out the Beckman-ventions



Hatteras Thanks and Belated Congratulations

A big thank you to **Coby Leyden** for coordinating the largest spring trip to Hatteras to date.

We had 41 people in 6 houses, tons of wind AND sun, and plenty of BABA stoke. Coby also brokered discounted and subsidized lessons for BABA members through **Ocean Air** - this was a first. I'd also like to thank **Helen Van Gelder**, BABA Treasurer, for handling all the financial aspects of the trip (as well as for the fall trip, races and events throughout the year). We'd also like to thank **Mark Bandy of East of Maui** for the demo SUP (that's Stand Up Paddleboard) that he brought down to Avon for BABA trippers to try out on the sound. Perhaps it was



Bill Kostoff & Cheryl Powers, Helen Dempsey, Alice Mascette, Deb Fox, and Coby Leyden

because Mark brought the SUP that the wind was soooo good.

The Monday Meet and Greet Pizza and Beer Party was organized by **Coby Leyden and Alice Mascette**. Coby and Alice were married in Arlington, Virginia on February 14th and the trippers offered up a

salute to the couple on their ersatz honeymoon in Hatteras. Thanks also go to **Tom and Joni Beckman** for coordinating the Thursday beach barbeque, and to **Paul Kenyon** for his help with the cooking.

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BABA trips to Hatteras are just about the cheapest vacation around because the folks organizing everything are VOLUNTEERS and the expenses of the trips are spread around on a break-even basis. Please help our Hatteras coordinators by volunteering to help with some tasks. It could be as simple as schlepping ice and beer for a party, or more involved like hosting the beach bonfire or organizing a lunchtime bbq on the lawn. Volunteers make BABA a successful club with a wide variety of activities.

Here is a pic from just north of Avon at the transformers launch during the week after Easter. Just a late day session in the sound. Pretty colors. I'm not able to go on the BABA trips because I am a teacher and can't take off at those times, so I have to make my own trips to Hatteras.

-Niko Iampieri (picture taken by Peter Riechert.)



2009 BABA CALENDAR

Sunday, June 14

BABA 4 Race
Mayo Beach Park, Mayo MD

Sunday, June 28

BABA 5 Race
Gunpowder Park, Chase MD

Sunday, June 28

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

Sunday, July 12

BABA 6 Race
Gunpowder Park, Chase MD

September TBA

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

Sat & Sun, Sept 19 - 20

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

October 10 - 17

Fall Hatteras Trip

October TBA

WET Hampton Roads
Classic Regatta
Norfolk, VA

Saturday, October 31

Last Day for 2009
Speed Quest

Sunday, November 1

2010 Speed Quest Begins!

**TBA - BABA Annual Meeting
and Awards**

Need more information?

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

WET Events: go to www.sailwet.com for updates & contact info

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

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

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

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

Don't miss any last minute announcements - register for **More_Downhaul**. Send an e-mail to more_downhaul-subscribe@yahoogroups.com to get started. Directions & more information on BABA events - go to www.windsurfbaba.org

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\$75.00. **thule roof rack system.** complete, with 58" bars and locking roof supports. fits 1997 plymouth voyager and / or dodge caravan mini-van body styles OR any vehicle without rain gutters. call tomaso: 301.252.5496 or tom_us919@hughes.net

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Fiberspar race 230cm-290 boom including harness lines and uphaul, Carbon \$400; AeroTech 6.8 Phantom 2008 \$250
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8' 8" Custom carbon wave board + 3 fins \$500; Misc. Fins, bases, pads, harness lines, downhaul cleats ect.
Tom Caswell 410 808 6435 or TcaswellN60@yahoo.com

WANTED:

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

Housemates Wanted for Hatteras

this month: Avon soundfront house from June 14 - 20 (5 days). Queen room available for \$200. I do not want to go there alone and am looking for couples or individuals to share it with me. Contact Bob Catzen 410-523-3325 (H), 410-532-1002 (W) or bob@catzen.com

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Bob Catzen <bob@catzen.com>

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XL. **Caps** are sold out. BABA Gear will be for sale races and other events throughout the season.

2009 Membership Application



____ New Member ____ Renewal

Name(s): _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____ e-mail: _____

Occupation: _____ Years Boardsailing: _____ Age: _____

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

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

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

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

Other: _____

Release, Waiver of Liability, and Indemnity Agreement
to the Baltimore Area Boardsailing Association

I, the above named individual being 21 years of age or older, in consideration of services which have been or will be performed by the Baltimore Area Boardsailing Association in providing travel arrangements and activities and of being permitted to participate in the Club trips, activities, events and other functions which I recognize as being hazardous, do for myself, my personal representatives, heirs and next of kin, (1) hereby release, waive, discharge and covenant not to sue or hold liable the Baltimore Area Boardsailing Association, its officers, its Board of Directors, their agents and members, jointly and severally, all for the purposes herein referred to as RELEASES, from all loss or damage, and any claim or demands, therefore, on account of injury to the person or property, or resulting in death, whether caused by the negligence of RELEASES or otherwise while for any purpose participating in any event or activity; (2) hereby agree to indemnify and save and hold harmless the RELEASES from any loss, liability, damage, or cost they may incur due to my presence and participation during any activity and whether caused by the negligence of RELEASES or otherwise; and (3) hereby assume full responsibility for any rise, due to my presence and participation and fault, of bodily damage, death or property damage due to negligence of RELEASES or otherwise while traveling, participating or for any other purpose while engaged in such activities. I expressly agree that the foregoing RELEASE, WAIVER, AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT is intended to be as broad and inclusive as is permitted by the laws of the state, states, or countries in which the activity is conducted and that if any portion thereof is held invalid, it is agreed that the balance of the agreement shall continue in full legal force and effect. I have read and voluntarily signed this RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT which shall remain in full legal force and effect until such time that I notify the Baltimore Area Boardsailing Association in writing that this agreement is voided and such notification is acknowledged by the Baltimore Area Boardsailing Association.

Signature(s): _____ Date: _____

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DUES:

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Mail to: Ann Jackson
BABA Membership Coordinator
124 Bay Park Way
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For additional information, call Ann Jackson at (410) 315-8481
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