



## **BABA Steering Committee Meeting**

### **At Island Sky Avon, NC**

***October 13, 2009***

#### **Present:**

Bill Anderson, Carsten Boekholt, Janice Emerling, Dave Iseri, Ann Jackson, Daphne Lathouras, Coby Leyden, Mike McCormick, Fan Pat, Colin Pitts, Albert and Maureen Pritchard, Mark Raginsky, Tom Sargent, Fred Thomas and Helen Van Gelder.

#### **Topics:**

**Treasurer's Report** – Helen presented the BABA Financial Summary through 10/09/09. Both major programs, the Hatteras trips and Racing, are in the black. Our goal with both programs is to break even. We are in excellent position to reserve next year's Hatteras houses. It looks like we may have extra funds going into next year. Two possibilities for spending any extra money were discussed:

- A \$3,000 grant as a stimulus to encourage junior windsurfing (details below under new initiatives)
- Printing the BABA Newsletter in color (the majority of our printed newsletters are sent to BABA sponsors)

**2010 Racing Program** – Tomaso has finalized the following schedule for next year's racing:

- BABA 1 - April 25, 2010  
Gerry Brown Memorial - Johns Hopkins Cancer Research Benefit  
Joint sailing and fund-raising event for John's Hopkins Cancer Center with the Baltimore County Sailing Center  
Rocky Point Park, Baltimore County Sailing Center
- BABA 2 and BABA 3 - May 22 & 23, 2010  
Camp out Regatta Day 1  
Gunpowder State Park
- BABA 4 - June 6, 2010  
Mayo Beach Park
- BABA 5 - June 27, 2010  
Gunpowder State Park
- BABA 6 - July 18, 2010  
Gunpowder State Park
- BABA 7 and BABA 8 - September 11 & 12, 2010  
East Coast Championships  
Mayo Beach Park



Several ideas for encouraging new racers and race participation were discussed and will be explored.

**Membership** – Ann reported that we have 130 active (dues paid) members

- The following change to the By Laws will be proposed to the general membership at the January General Membership meeting and Winter Party:

**Current Language:** Our membership year will run from April 1 of each year to March 31 of the following year. All Members (either individuals or families) shall be required to pay annually an amount set by the executive board. Only active BABA Members have voting rights and are eligible to participate in certain association activities reserved for members. To remain active, members must pay their annual dues within the membership year.

**Proposed Language:** Our membership year will run from January 1st to December 31<sup>st</sup>. All Members (either individuals or families) shall be required to pay annually an amount set by the executive board. Only active BABA Members have voting rights and are eligible to participate in certain association activities reserved for members. To remain active, members must pay their annual dues within the membership year, e.g. Hatteras trips. New members who join BABA after September 1<sup>st</sup> will automatically have their new membership cover the next year.

**Access** – several important water access issues are being actively worked on by the Executive Committee and BABA members. The BABA Point of Contact for each access issue is listed below. These are important issues not only for our club, but for all “car top” water enthusiasts. Stay tuned - we may need your help with letter writing campaigns.

**Mayo Beach:** Anne Arundel County is proceeding with their modified plan to “stabilize” the shoreline at Mayo Beach, which includes reworking the waterfront with stone revetments, a relocated sea-nettle-netted swimming area, and a walking pier within the swimming area. The net result of this plan will reduce water access for windsurfing and other craft. BABA successfully lobbied to have some minor adjustments made making it somewhat easier to get to and from the water in between the swimming area and stone jetty. A special thanks to Maureen, Tomaso and Tom Caswell who have taken big roles in this. Maureen is BABA’s Point of Contact (POC).

**Beverly Triton Beach:** Anne Arundel County has another beach property, Beverly Triton, just South of Mayo Beach that has not been opened for windsurfing access. This is chapter 2 of a long story, but the stars may be aligning to establish this as a new access point. BABA is actively working with the contacts that we’ve established through Mayo Beach lobbying to leverage public access at Beverly Triton. A special thanks to Tom Caswell who is working this and is BABA’s Point-of-Contact.

<http://maryland.hometownlocator.com/maps/feature-map.ftc,2,fid,1709680,n,beverly-triton%20beach%20park.cfm>

**Rocky Point:** large rocks were placed across the access road to the Rocky Point launch making access an “800 foot trudge through foot high grass, soon to be waist high grass as that area is totally blocked off and never mowed!”. We have contacted Rocky Point Golf Course Operations to try to reopen access to the launch. A special thanks to Roger Fitzgerald who is



working this and is BABA's Point-of-Contact. A BABA Spring-time cleanup day was suggested to show our willingness to work with Rocky Point Golf to help maintain the site.

Matapeake Launch – in Queen Anne's County on Kent Island is open for windsurfing and other access. BABA has worked with the County to establish a "safe use agreement" that launch users need to sign to get a permit. There is a daily launch fee. A special thanks to Clyde Kunst who has been working with Queen Anne County and is the Matapeake POC.

<http://parksnrec.org/landings-a-piers.html>

**Learn to Windsurf Clinics** – BABA will continue to offer a free Learn to Windsurf clinic teaming with Ultimate Watersports at Gunpowder Falls State Park. All graduates of BABA's Learn to Windsurf or Ultimate Watersport's windsurfing classes are offered free 1-year BABA memberships.

**Winter party** – will be scheduled in January. We are looking to return to Podickory Point earlier in the day so that we can enjoy the Bay vistas and perhaps watch a few polar sailors if the bay isn't iced over.

**Sponsorship** – we are contacting our faithful sponsors again this year asking for donations for a raffle at our Annual Membership meeting and winter party.

**Officers and Steering Committee Still Standing** – the following slate of officers have been nominated (volunteered) to fill all of the roles that help to keep BABA afloat and are acting in these roles until elections at the January General Membership meeting.

Chairperson	Mark Raginski
Vice Chairperson	Mike McCormick
Secretary	<i>(nominations are open for next year)</i>
Treasurer	Helen Van Gelder
Clinics Coordinator	Janice Emerling
Hatteras Coordinator	Coby Leyden (spring trip) and Fred Thomas (fall trip)
Membership	Ann Jackson
Newsletter and Webmasters	Daphne Lathouras
Racing Coordinator	Tom Sargent
Sponsorship	<i>(nominations are open for next year)</i>
Rocky Point Access & Speed Quest Coordinator	Roger Fitzgerald
Members at Large	Bill Anderson, Carsten Boekholt, Dave Iseri, Fan Pat, Colin Pitts and Maureen Pritchard



## **New Stuff**

**Junior Sailing** – BABA is considering a \$3k grant to help purchase Bic techno equipment (Junior windsurfing one-design) for the Baltimore County Sailing Center (BCSC) to try to nurture some young windsurfers. BCSC has offered windsurfing classes as part of sailing camps and we are exploring how we can help to grow this aspect of their program. It's our understanding that \$6k would enable BCAC to purchase 4 complete rigs - that seems to be what Nevin Sayre was recommending as a target during our e-mail conversation.

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

**Olympic Campaign** – Farrah Hall is raising funds to help support her 2012 Olympic Campaign. It is exciting to have a Bay sailor and BABA member competing at this international level. BABA encourages all members to support Farrah's campaign with a tax deductible donation. We will be making this easy by adding optional contributions as part of BABA Membership and Race Registration forms.

[http://www.farahhall.com/about\\_windsurfing.html](http://www.farahhall.com/about_windsurfing.html)

**Saint Mary's Windsurfing Club** – needs a trailer to haul their stuff to regional races. It would be great to have them join us at BABA and WET racing eventd. Are there any unused trailers out there?

**Thanks To All** – who have contributed to keeping BABA active and vibrant.

**Submitted by:** Mike McCormick