

Broad Bay Banter

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COMMODORE'S CORNER

On March 13th daylight savings time begins and with warmer weather on the horizon, I know a lot of you probably have sailing on your mind. I know I do. I have just returned from 11 days in 85 degree weather with 15 knots of wind (most days) sailing around the BVI's. I'm not trying to rub it in, but if you have not been down there, I highly recommend it. It is a great way to break up the winters here.

Our March Meeting will be held at the Raven on Atlantic Ave. For those of you who did not know, the Raven is a very generous supporter to our Neptune's Atlantic Regatta. If you have not been involved with this race in the past, you have missed a good time. This will mainly be a social, so please come out and have dinner or a few drinks and support the Raven. The front section (non-smoking) will be reserved for BBSA. More information follows below.

March is a busy month for BBSA Racing and Cruising.
Event dates to remember:

March 13 – Cruise Planning Meeting – Jim and Susan Currie
March 19 – Little Creek Sailing Association Meeting – John Bergman
March 24 – Willoughby Racers Registration – Dave Wilbar, Dave Hughes
March 31 – Willoughby Race Committee Workshop – Dave Wilbar, Dave Hughes

The first week in April starts our big boat racing for Little Creek and Willoughby. More Information on these events can be found on our web site.

I hope to see everybody on the water soon.
Dave Hughes
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March Meeting – Tuesday the 15th

Place: The Raven
Time: 7:00pm
Address: 1200 Atlantic Ave., Virginia Beach
Phone #: 425-9556

RACING NEWS

Willoughby Racers

With less than a month away for the big-boat racing season, it is time to start preparing for the upcoming season. The Willoughby Racers will start their Thursday Night Series on April 7th with racing for 1 spinnaker and 2 nonspinnaker classes. The Thursday Night Series is broken into 7 races each in the Spring, Summer, and Fall series. Notice of race and registration forms are now available in the Willoughby Thursday Night Races section of the Downloads area of our website: <http://www.broadbaysailing.org>.

Some reminders and dates:

- March 24 - Willoughby Racers Thursday Night racing series registration night at Rebel Marina - 6:30pm.
- March 31 - Willoughby Racers Race Committee Workshop at Rebel Marina - 6:30pm. We also will take late registrations on this night also.
- April 7 - Willoughby Racers Thursday Night races begin - 1st Flag at 6:00pm

If you have any questions on any of the above, please feel free to contact the Willoughby Racer Coordinators.

Dave Wilbar 620-4042

Dave Hughes 477-6104

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Little Creek Sailing cAssociation

LCSA Sailors

The 2010 awards and 2011 kickoff meeting will be on Saturday March 19th from 2:00 to 5:00PM at our house, 9570 Bay Point Drive, Norfolk, VA 23518, in Bay Breeze Point just North of Bay Point Marina.

Skippers, crew and spouses are encouraged to attend. Please bring an appetizer or munchie to share, LCSA will provide beverages (coffee, iced tea, water, beer and wine). However, to provision for the meeting we would like to hear from each boat skipper who plans on attending along with a head count for the boat.

Special guests this year, John and Lin McCarthy. John (a US Sailing Certified Regional Race Officer, Senior Judge and Instructor) will give a brief talk on some aspect of racing of importance to all of us (starting, or mark rounding, or finishing, etc.). Lin publishes the very popular Southern Bay Racing News You Can Use (SBRNYCU) that many of us look forward to reading each week and she is also a contributing writer for Spinsheet.

Each participating boat is required to be the Race Committee boat at least once (and usually twice) during the season. The RC sign up sheet will be circulated at the meeting so start thinking now about what date(s) you would like to volunteer as RC.

John Bergman

CRUISING NEWS

Jim and Susan Currie 487-3189
susan_currie13@yahoo.com

Just a reminder that all cruisers are invited to the planning meeting on Sunday, March 13th, at 3.30 p.m. at our home in Chesapeake (light refreshments will be available).

For anyone who has not been on a BBSA cruise you do not know what you are missing. Susan and myself were first time cruisers last year and we had so much fun on all the cruises we attended. With everyone helping each other there is no stress and plenty of time to relax and party.

See you all next Sunday.

BURGEES – Bev Borberg, 460 1051, bevborberg@yahoo.com

I will have burgees at the meeting for the price of \$20. Hopefully, I will have information about the possibility of having shirts with the BBSA emblem and boat name on it made for those interested in this.