

SOUTHERN BAY RACING NEWS YOU CAN USE #279

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To Fiddler's Green: **Alice Eberwine** passed on Saturday. Alice was beloved mate of 61 years to Bumps Eberwine and mother to David Eberwine. The father-son team has long dominated the southern Bay PHRF A racing scene in their J36, Sea Star. Alice will be remembered as a person to whom sweet and lovely always applied. She was honored with special reverence by those who knew her best - her family.

Southern Bay Racing News You Can Use Racing Rules Seminar - January 28, 2006, Saturday, 0900 - 1500, at Hampton Yacht Club. Fee of \$20 defers cost of materials, refreshments, and LUNCH. Seminar presented by John McCarthy. Early registration is strongly advised. To guarantee yourself a prime seat, register and pay your fee NOW! For info or to register, contact John or Lin McCarthy at (757) 850-4225. **Boat crews are welcome too - this is an ideal way for the team to get ready to Sizzle in '06 !**

SBRNYCU RULES QUIZ: Immediately after the starting signal, your keel snags the anchor line of the RC boat. (Insert name here of likely offenders.) What must you do? (See solution below in this issue.)

FEATHER AND SMOKE ARE 1 - 0 IN 2006 ! Yesterday, 39 southern Bay boats, skippers, and crews, gave in to New Year's craziness and hit the race course. Pushing aside remains of New Year's Eve celebrations and early winter racing rust, these hardy souls went racing in one of the two long standing New Year's Day events that seem to gain in popularity each time the calendar changes. Neither event featured an abundance of wind, but there was enough, even though some anchors were deployed along the way. Here's how things went:

2006 NEW YEAR'S MADNESS RACE, co-sponsored by Old Point Comfort Yacht Club and Hampton Yacht Club, festivities began with breakfast at HYC and a staggered start off the docks there. A strong outgoing current and a pushing, light (4 knots) northerly breeze rewarded the most cautious starters and caused some consternation among those trying to avoid the dreaded OCS. 22 of the 30 starters finished the race within the time limit for the post-race party. OPCYC hospitality was outstanding and the food and drink up to its usual high standards. **RESULTS:** Overall Winner and winner in A Fleet- Feather, J36, **Phil Briggs**. Finishing 2nd overall and 2nd in A Fleet was Gremlyn, **Greg Cutter's** brand new Elliott 770. **Dave Bouchard's** Santana 35, Ganar!, the only B Fleet boat racing, finished 6th overall. C Fleet: **1.Dave Taylor**, @\$%&!!!, J24 (3rd overall); **2.Dana Dillon**, Amarylyn, Catalina 30 (5th overall); **3.Brendan Drinkwater**, Roswell, Kirby 25 (8th overall). Non-Spin Fleet: **1.Tom Peddy**, Impulse, Catalina 34 (4th overall); **2.Steve Ritz**, Excelsior, Cal 2-30 (7th overall); **3.Jerry Lotz**, Faith, Seahorse 34 (9th overall). Non-Spin 2 Fleet: **1. Bob Wagner**, Sea Slipper II, Catalina 25; Cruising 1: **1.Gordon Johnson**, Didi Mau, Bene 390; **2.John Lones**, Ali-Ru, Morgan 36; **3.Jim Beaudry**, Pegasus, Col 30. Cruising 2: **1.Raleigh Martin**, Second Wind, Ericson 27; **2.Jim Van Dyke**, Playtime, Hunter 31; **3.Bob Gumpright**, Mollie Rose, MacGregor 25. Event chair: Jeff Rogers and Bob Williamson.

SYC ANNUAL NEW YEAR'S RACE: Nine boats turned out for the Seaford Yacht Club event and race chairman **Chuck Eldred** said the racers averaged 2.5 knots over the 9 mile course in light air. **Dan Smoker**, Smoke, finished first, **Mike Austin**, Movin' On, finished 2nd, and **Bill Strauss**, Excalibur came in third. Whatever the conditions, there is no better way to start the new year than racing sailboats.

Buck Rogers cooked up and served 44 quarts of his world famous racers' chili at the **OPCYC post-race party** for the 2006 New Year's Madness Race.

Watch for **another J/30** to arrive on the southern Bay in May. Blew J (light blue hull) belongs to **Ben Ritger**, who will be spending summers in Hampton Roads and racing his light blue baby in

the southern Bay fleet. Ben has crewed on his dad **John Ritger's** Morgan 27, BCNU, and, now he and his dad will campaign Blew J together.

IT WON'T BE LONG UNTIL THE 2006 RACING SEASON BEGINS! Jimmie Mock, trimmer on Phil Briggs' Feather, is officially designated as the keeper of this countdown. Jimmiemock, AKA **The Arbiter of Time**, says, "The socks come off and the gloves go on in just 87 days." (April 1st, is officially designated as Sailboat Racers' Day, as a special subgroup for the April Fools' Day tradition.)

Frank and Grace Ann Miller were spotted during the holidays in one of their old haunts in Hampton. Frank skippered Windblown, his Ericson 38, to top spot in last year's **Southern Bay Race Week Cruising Class** with 5 bullets.

There's a "bad" rumor afoot - here's the correct stuff: This year, **DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME begins on APRIL 2**, and ends on OCTOBER 29. The Energy Policy Act of 2005 changed the start time for DST beginning in **2007** (starts March 11, 2007 and ends November 4, 2007).

Phil Briggs, Feather, was last to start and first to finish in the New Year's Madness Race. Phil has the distinction of being past commodore of three area clubs: OPCYC (1974), CCV (1983-84); and HYC (1991).

Rob and Andi Overton were in town for New Year's Eve. For several years they raced their J24 Speed Limit on the Bay and beyond before taking off to "see the world" in their bluewater cruiser, Akka. Rob is about to complete the requirements to become a Certified International Umpire. Akka is in Turkey and the Overtons expect to cruise the Med this summer.

Burrrrrrrr Award goes to York River Yacht Club Frostbiters: They raced on the York River well into December, the 18th to be exact, when weather is whatever you get and what you get can be stinky. This year the York River racers, whenever possible, put their windward mark just off Yorktown Beach, wow-ing the Sunday afternoon strollers. **RESULTS:** 1. Four Seasons, **Mike Mastracci**; 2.Hornet, **Brian Gregory**; 3.Dream On, **Steve Bowen**; 4.Movin' On, **Mike Austin**. Race Chairman: Steve Bowen.

PHRF RATING CERTIFICATE RENEWALS (and applications) FOR 2006: Racers' top priority for 2006 season - get your PHRF certificate this month! Here's the deal: Early this month PHRF will send out **renewal forms** to all 2005 certificate holders - send it back right away with your fees. If you do not receive the renewal form before the end of the month, call PHRF at (410) 414-3270. Make sure PHRF has your correct mailing address. Best advice - make sure your boat meets PHRF Equipment and Accommodations Standards Category 4P and so certify on your application. 4P meets CBYRA sanctioned race requirements as well as CCV High Point Race requirements. If you did not have a rating certificate for 2005, you can call PHRF or go to the website at www.phrfchesbay.com to get a copy of the application form and information. Do it now - avoid the crush and last minute panic later.

The **Key West Race Week** racers are the ones with the wide, wide grins on their faces while they freeze their booties off getting the boats ready to head south. Stay tuned and check out the SpinSheet Magazine preview on KWRW in the January issue.

What's it all about? **FODDOM BIXPIX** is in the name on a really nice looking North Carolina race boat (J24) on the hard in Cobb's Marina and Boat Yard (Norfolk). Who is dat? What's it mean?

The **CBYRA Region 4 (Virginia) "big boat" racing schedule** is complete for 2006. Give your club's scheduler and fleet captain a pat on the back. The schedulers have been working at this since October. The plans are for the clubs' representatives to have the final schedule (electronically) before mid-January.

There's no sailboat show this January in Philadelphia (returns in 2007), but **Strictly Sail Chicago** goes from February 2-5, 2006. Take your fur undies!

Anna Turncliffe took 3rd in the Women's Laser Radial World Championships in December. The event was held in Fortzeza, Brazil. Awesome, Anna!

Here's an opportunity to complete Race Officer Certification, meet requirements for certification renewal, and/or gain useful information and tools for real race management. **US SAILING Basic Race Management Course - February 18 - 19, 2006 - two half-day sessions (0900-1300), at Hampton Yacht Club in Hampton, Virginia.** This course is designed for those with some race management experience as well as newcomers. It's good too for those who want to see what the race management thing is all about. This course meets the course requirement for certification as a US SAILING Club Race Officer. The certification test will be given at the conclusion of the course; taking this test is optional for any participant. Presented by John McCarthy and co-instructor Glenn Giles. For detailed information and/or to register, you may go to www.USSAILING.org/racemgt/Seminars or call John or Lin McCarthy at (757) 850-4225. Register now to guarantee your seat and to receive the pre-seminar information package.

CCV has adjusted its Spring and Fall Series days to provide more racing without an increase in the number of days. As in the past, each series runs on 3 separate Sundays in Hampton Roads harbor. In 2006, each day will be a two-race day. So, more racing in the same number of days.

CBYRA Hampton One Design (HOD) Class High Point Award Recipients: Congratulations to the top 3 class racers who qualified for the CBYRA High Point Awards: **1st: Latane Montague; 2nd: Mark Wheeler; and, 3rd: Charlie McCoy.**

Rules Quiz Solution: Hope that the RC boat anchor line is not 100% chain, and ... For all the answers, sign up for the January 28th SBRNYCU Rules Seminar (call 757-850-4225).

MURPHY'S LAW: Not that "Yers Truly" would never inadvertently go overboard, but on a drifty day when the postpone flag is flying, a dip is not beyond the realm of reason. Imagine my delight when I discovered a new piece of boat canine gear - it's called a Paws Aboard@. A fold away ladder, designed for even my short legs, that the humans can deploy for my return to the boat at will! /S/ Murphy the Racing Beagle, the sailing spirit in us all.

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