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HEADS-UP! New Year's Day racing is right around the corner. There are two southern Bay January 1st racing opportunities - one is jointly sponsored by Old Point Comfort YC and Hampton Yacht Club - for info and to enter contact Dennis Miner (757) 867-1028 or Steve Lunsford at (757) 875-0907. Seaford Yacht Club has hosted their New Year's Day race for a long, long time - for info and to enter contact Chuck Eldred at (757) 898-1025.

Good News for J/22 racers (and others, too): PHRF of the Chesapeake has made an adjustment to their 2008 Safety Requirements. It appears to allow boats who meet everything but the lifeline requirement for Category 4P to sail in Cat 4P races provided everyone on the boat wears a PFD. There are, of course, details and explanations. So, read the info on the PHRF of the Chesapeake Bay website, www.phrfchesbay.com, **click on 2008 Special Regulations For Safety Requirements, and check out paragraph 4.2.** If you have questions and/or concerns contact your club PHRF delegate.

IMPORTANT: SPLITS DECISION: PHRF racers in the SOUTH DIVISION of Region 4 are in the throes of deciding whether or not to adjust the rating lines between the spinnaker fleets. **Now is the time for skippers to let their clubs PHRF delegates know what they think would be best for fair, competitive racing.** Because the Reg 4 South Div did NOT approve the 2007 splits for 2008 at the annual meeting, they are required to hold a special meeting of the delegates to either change or ratify the splits. (See PHRF newsletter, *The Mainsheet*, Winter 2007). PHRF Region VP, Mike Dale, expects to call a meeting of delegates in early January. It is expected it will be open to PHRF members. **Now is the time to be part of the decision process regarding what the Region (South Div) splits will be.** Delegates represent their clubs' membership in the voting. Talk it up, get your reasoning organized, and **LET YOUR PHRF DELEGATE(S) KNOW WHERE YOU STAND.** Do it now - it only takes a few phone calls. [NOTE: The clubs in Region 4, South Division, are: BBSA, CCV, HYC, NYCC, OPCYC, PBC, SYC, and YRYC]

Are you a barefoot racer, or...? For the racer who has everything - sailing boots that have open toe and heel. To picture that imagine those worn out socks that are stuffed in the tire-well in the trunk of your car - huge holes where toe and heel used to be. So, you may be a candidate for the ZHIK BAREFOOT BOOT@. Their ad says in part "... you will feel like you are wearing no shoes, but will have the added support and grip that wearing a boot offers." These are available through Layline at www.layline.com

SAVE SHOPPING TIME - Register your favorite sailing-giftee for SBRNYCU MURPHY GOES RACING - 2008: "Going Faster - It's All About the People" February 2, 2008, hosted by Broad Bay Sailing Association at the Old Dominion University Sailing Center (Norfolk). This clinic is geared toward Non-Spinnaker and Cruising racers who want to improve their results on the race course. The clinic will focus on the role of the crew (no matter how many) and emphasize concrete skills and techniques to help your boat perform better and go faster. IDEAL FOR SKIPPERS AND/OR INDIVIDUAL CREW. Course instructor, John McCarthy, will cover a variety of topics including Crew Work Upwind, Reaching Techniques, Sail Trim, Working with the Pole, The Dreaded Double-Headsail, and more. The fee, \$35 (\$25 for accompanying family member), includes morning refreshments, lunch, and all clinic materials including the course workbook. Register by calling (757) 850-4225, or by email to mcbear@earthlink.net (include your name, address, and phone number and on the subj: line put MURPHY CLINIC)

Remember the ISAF vote to dump multihulls, and others, from the 2012 Olympic sailing classes?

Evidently, those who shouted in reasoned opposition are making progress. Look who has joined the outcry. The following comes from the Friday issue of *Scuttlebutt* (SCUTTLEBUTT 2491 - December 7 2007 (www.sailingscuttlebutt.com):

"RYA LEADS THE CALL FOR OLYMPIC RETHINK The Royal Yachting Association (GBR) is leading the push to have the Events for the 2012 Olympic Games reconsidered by the International Sailing Federation. Following the controversial decision by ISAF Council during its annual conference last month, at which it opted not to include a modern high performance dinghy for women, dropped the multihull event and introduced a match

racing format for the women's keelboat event, the RYA has written to ISAF President Goran Petersson asking for the decision to be reconsidered. The RYA believes that the decisions taken are not in the best interests of the sport of sailing throughout the world, and requests that ISAF review its decision"

CBYRA Annual Meeting: Saturday at host Eastport Yacht Club, CBYRA delegates elected their **Executive Board for 2008: President, Bobby Frey, Exe. Vice-President, Art Libby; Secretary, Keith Mayes, and Treasurer, C.B. Currier.** Re-elected as **Region 4 (that's the southern Bay) Vice-President is Tom Roberts.** Also, noteworthy for southern Bay racers was the election of **Kris Wilson** as chairman of the One-Design (small boats) Division and **Bruce Bingham** to fill the shoes of retiring **Gerald Smernoff** as chairman of the Handicap (PHRF, MORC) Division. Several special CBYRA awards were presented at the meeting. Southern Bay homies, **John and Lin McCarthy**, were presented with the Marcia Grosvenor Award for Outstanding Volunteer Service.

MURPHY'S LAW: I have noticed that a certain critter of the reindeer persuasion is getting a lot of attention lately. He has rigged up a battery-powered beacon light that he wears on his proboscis. I'm thinking that might work for *Yrs Truly, The Racing Beagle*. I could use an EPIRB strobe light set to flash whenever I need assistance at the party punch bowl. /S/ *Murphy the Racing Beagle, the sailing spirit in us all.*

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