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On this Christmas evening, when the holiday celebration has calmed and you are having your mid-night snack, think about the scene on the Delaware River in 1776. George Washington, at dusk, had loaded his army into open boats to cross the Delaware to take on the Hessian and British troops in New Jersey. Fighting snow, sleet, and howling wind, the crossing was completed at 3AM (December 26). The rest is history.

2008 New Year's Madness Race, January 1, 2008. Start at Hampton Yacht Club and finish at Old Point Comfort Yacht Club. This is a pursuit (staggered start) race - starting times begin at 1130. Mandatory skippers meeting at 1000 at HYC. This is where you get your boat's starting time. Breakfast before the race at HYC - included in entry fee for skippers, and at a nominal fee for crew - opens at 0900. Post-race party at OPCYC beginning at 1530 - food and drink for skippers and crew is included in the race entry fee. **Save \$10** by entering and paying the \$25 entry fee before 5pm on Sunday, December 23rd - after that deadline, the fee is \$35. For entry info contact Dennis Miner (757-867-1028) or Steve Lunsford (757-875-0907). This is a great way to start the 2008 racing season! Jingle your bells - go racing!

Seaford Yacht Club will host their 2008 New Year's day Race. For info and entry details, contact Chuck Eldred at (757) 898-1025. Call Chuck now, before your intentions get lost in the holiday shuffle!

That's Tough! Yesterday afternoon the wind was blowing feathers off seagulls and the temperature was sinking like a stone. Yet, one of the toughest sailors in Hampton Roads was sailing his Optimist Dinghy out of Norfolk Yacht & Country Club on the Lafayette River (Norfolk).

2008 CBYRA REGION 4 SCHEDULE IS READY: The "big boat" racing schedule is ready, thanks to the diligent work of 30-some southern Bay yacht club, sailing association, and event representatives (and all the people with whom each of them worked). So, if you want the 2008 schedule, contact your club's racing rep. Or, if you like, email **SBRNYCU** at mcbear@earthlink.net, on the subject: line put **"I need the 2008 Racing Schedule"**, and you'll get the whole schedule by return email.

It's official - **Butch Paterson** is about to take delivery on his "new to him" Santana 30/30 GP - *Schock Full o' Nuts*. Butch plans to have her at Cobb's Marina (Norfolk) while he gets her ready for her debut in Spring Series.

The **63rd Sydney Hobart Yacht Race** starts from Sydney Harbour at 1:00PM on Wednesday, December 26th.

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). 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). The focus of the clinic is on ways skippers can more efficiently utilize their crew and on techniques for going faster and finishing higher. Course instructor, John McCarthy, will cover a variety of topics including Skipper-Crew Communication, Crew Recruitment, Training, and Retention, Reaching Techniques, The Dreaded Double-Headsail, and more. **This clinic is ideal for both skippers and people who crew.** Space will be limited to a finite number and early registration is encouraged. The clinic is already more than 40% full.

PHRF FLEET SPLITS MEETING SET FOR MONDAY, JANUARY 7, 6:30 pm. PHRF members from **Region 4 SOUTH** are invited to attend this PHRF delegates meeting, the singular objective of which is to determine the fleet splits for use in 2008 in Region 4 SOUTH. Attendees may offer comment and discussion; only the delegates from the South Division clubs will actually vote on the splits proposals. As racers this is your chance for input. Let the delegate (s) of your club(s) know where you stand. Make sure you will be represented at this important meeting. Come yourself if you can. Speak out now. It's better than mumbling and grumbling all season long. Clubs and their PHRF delegates in the South Division of Region 4 are: BBSA (Randy Pugh); CCV (Bob Thomas); HYC (Chris Johnson); NYCC (Ron Primm); OPCYC (Dennis Miller); PBC (Bob Old);

LYC,OBSA, PRYC,SYC,YRYC, UNAFLS (all represented by Mike Dale as VP of Region 4). The meeting will be held in Meeting Room B at the Hampton Public Library, 4207 Victoria Boulevard, Hampton. (That's a couple blocks down from the cannon at HYC). Get there early to get a good seat!

Heads-Up! Expect the email version of your CCV membership renewal application form to come to you by email early in January. Print it, complete it, and mail back the hardcopy right away. As Larry would say, "Get her done!" If you are a non-email person, don't worry - CCV intends to send out a hardcopy of the form to you by snail mail.

Dear Readers,

Merry Christmas, Happy New Year, and Happy Holidays! Eat, drink, be merry, and sail if at all possible! Look for issue #374 of *Southern Bay Racing News You Can Use* on WEDNESDAY, January 2, 2008!

Murphy, The Racing Beagle

MURPHY'S LAW: It is difficult to see him, but if you look closely at that famous painting of General Washington crossing the Delaware, you will see cousin LT General Beau Beagle, to the General's left, port side of the boat. Cousin Beau was actually the first to bound ashore in Jersey! /S/ *Murphy the Racing Beagle, the sailing spirit in us all.*

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