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A sure sign of SPRING - DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME begins at 2am (0200), Sunday, March 9. Tick-tock, tick-tock.

Dick Boykin Up-Date: Dick is now at Sentara Heart Hospital in Norfolk. He wants everyone to know that he is extremely appreciative of all the cards, notes, good wishes, and prayers his friends in the sailing community have heaped upon him. Doctors expect to take several days to get Dick "ready" for his heart surgery. So, keep up the good work - send your cards and letters to his home at 828 Graystone Trace, Newport News, VA 23602, and keep him in your prayers as he knows so many are.

Don't close that barn door! **Tripp Behm** and a bunch of his cohorts are busy in the family barn getting his J/24, *Trip Wire*, race ready. *T-Wire* has been up for at least 4 years, so the re-work is tedious at times. The gang is aiming for an early May completion day.

Regatta Watch: Rumor has it that one, and maybe two, of the US Naval Academy 44s are planning to come to **Southern Bay Race Week**. Seems like they would draw a lot of supporters and spectators who know these words - GO NAVY! Info and entry form available at www.blacksealcup.com

AZALEA FESTIVAL REGATTA is back in bloom! Norfolk Naval Sailing Association is sponsoring the rejuvenation of the event to coincide with the Azalea Festival, a long time happening managed by the City of Norfolk and the Navy to honor NATO. The Azalea Festival Regatta will run on Saturday, April 19, in Hampton Roads Harbor (keelboats) and Willoughby (aka Little) Bay (dinghies). First flag for the keelboats will be 12:00 Noon; for the dinghies first flag will be 11:00 am. There's a skippers meeting and social set for Friday, April 18, at 6:30 pm at Baxter Sails in Ocean View on the corner of 1st View and Ocean View Avenues. Keelboat classes are: PHRF Non-Spin (one headsail); Cruising (one headsail), and, if appropriate, one-design. For the dinghies it's Laser, 420, and any other classes with 3 or more. For info and entry, contact Chess Harris at chess.harris@norfolknavalsailing.org

At the recent CBYRA Region 4 Awards ceremony, Fishing Bay Yacht Club was honored as recipient of the **CBYRA Outstanding One-Design Race Committee** award. The Race Committee for the 50th Anniversary Flying Scot North American Championships received the award. Serving on the race committee and present to receive the award for the 120 boat, men, women and juniors championships regatta were:

John McCarthy, Principal Race Officer; **Brooks Zerkel**, Deputy PRO; **Rick Klein**, Pin End and Finish Boat Captain; **Mike Dale**, Windward Mark Boat Captain; and **Dale Moser**, Leeward Mark Boat Captain. **Art Libby**, representing the CBYRA Executive Committee, traveled to Deltaville to make the presentation. CBYRA Region 4 High Point trophies were presented by VP for region 4, **Tom Roberts**.

For those who tow: *BoatU.S. Magazine*, March issue, page 28, has a chart that will be of special interest to those who tow their race boats over the highways and byways. There is a chart showing, for each of the listed SUVs, city and highway mileage and towing capacity.

J/24 Racers: If you plan to get your baby **measured for the coming season, let Tripp Behm know**. Tripp is hoping to set up a visit from a couple of measurers to the Hampton Roads area. He is looking at April 26-27 as a possible date. If you think you might want to be measured, contact Tripp at tbehm@vt.edu - let him know if this plan works for you.

Get active or get taxed: House Bill H.R. 2550 and Senate Bill S. 2067, **Recreational Boating Act of 2007**, is out there. The bill is designed to provide recreational boats with a permanent exemption to a permit requirement being designed by the EPA. In a nutshell, the **EPA could require you to have a permit to wash your boat** by qualifying the run-off from hosing off your craft as "discharge". Needless to say, such a permit would not come cheaply. The way things stand, if the recreational boats' exemption from the permit is not passed, the EPA will develop a discharge permit for all boats, i.e. those tankers in the harbor and you. Get on it - email, call, and

otherwise let your senators and representatives know where you stand. Do it now, because if things go as expected, there will be a very short public comment period. For details see *BoatU.S. Magazine*, March issue, page 7. You can use the web by going to your Senators' websites and following email prompts from there - Senator John Warner <http://warner.senate.gov> and Senator Jim Webb <http://webb.senate.gov> The House is a bit more organized - try <http://clerk.house.gov>, then contact the Virginia Congressmen from there. Or, go directly to each Congressman's website and get his or her email link. The Virginia Congressmen are Thelma Drake; Bobby Scott; Randy Forbes; Eric Cantor; Robert Whittman; Virgil Goode; Bob Goodlatte; James Morgan; Rick Boucher; Frank Wolf, and Tom Davis. Both of your Senators and all of the Virginia Congressmen will have a vote on these bills. Reach out and let them know how you want to be represented.

RACE COMMITTEE PEOPLE: CCV will sponsor a morning race management clinic at Hampton Yacht Club, Saturday, March 15, 0900 - 1230. Coffee and morning pastries are included in the FREE clinic. The clinic is for race committee members who want to brush up on basic skills as well as for newcomers. John McCarthy, US Sailing certified Advanced Race Officer and Judge will be the lead presenter. Area clubs are encouraged to send race committee members as well as newcomer-volunteers. Pre-registration is requested for planning purposes. For info and to pre-register call (757) 850-4225. Here's a clinic that is NOT a budget buster - even the donuts are cost-free to attendees.

The **official southern Bay (CBYRA Region 4) racing schedule** is available by email. Send an email to mcbear@earthlink.net and on the subject line put "I need my schedule". You will get it as an attachment by return email.

MURPHY'S LAW: Spring training has begun! In addition to sit-ups (to gain a sip of someone's brew), lunges (good for clearing a path to the party tent), and belly-ups (always good for pats), *Yrs Truly, the Racing Beagle*, will be tuning up with elbow-bends and tail-wags for trophy celebrations! /S/ *Murphy the Racing Beagle, the sailing spirit in us all.*

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