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### **BLOW OUT THOSE CANDLES ON THE PRESIDENTS' BIRTHDAY CAKES - TIME TO HIT THE GRIND!**

Twenty-eight (28) participants attended the **US SAILING race management seminar** hosted by Hampton Yacht Club this past weekend. Twelve (12) southern Bay yacht clubs had members in attendance - Hampton Yacht Club, Broad Bay Sailing Association, Langley Yacht Club, Norfolk Yacht & CC, Dangerfield Island Sailing Association, York River Yacht Club, Portsmouth Boat Club, Fishing Bay Yacht Club, Rappahannock River Yacht Club, CCV (Cruising Club of Virginia), Old Point Comfort Yacht Club, and Norfolk Naval Sailing Association. John McCarthy, primary instructor, along with Rick Klein, guided the group through the intricacies and mysteries of race management, including a whole lot of "what if" discussions. Clearly, running a race properly is just as important to these folks as sailing one properly is to our racers.

**Southern Bay J/22 racers are "out and about":** **Richard Winters** and the "*Various Aliases*" boat crew will begin racing in Tampa today at the J/22 Midwinters, hosted by Davis Island Yacht Club. Racing goes on for 4 days, wrapping up on Friday, the 20th. Meanwhile **Kaylie Donahue** was foredeck for the Cleveland based J-22 *Shark Sandwich* when it won first place this past week at the St. Petersburg NOOD. Kaylie has sailed on several southern Bay boats that are not J/22s, including Bob Mosby's *Cyrano*, John Blais' *Stardancer*, Craig Olson's *Namesake*, and Leroi Lissenden's *Voodoo Two*.

**Re: BABY'S BOTTOM: Good news on top of bad!** Last week we heard that bottom paint prices are likely to go up this spring. Now, comes word that some paint manufacturers will be LOWERING their prices because the cost of certain ingredients is going down. So, check around before you lay out your cash!

**Greg Cutter** and the *Gremlyn* team finished 4th in the Elliott 770 fleet at the **St. Pete NOOD Regatta** and another southern Bay racer, **Christian Schaumloffel**, is bringing home a 3rd place trophy from the Hobie 33 class. *Mirage* won the last race of the regatta to win the tie breaker for 3rd. Both fleets had 6 boats racing.

**CBYRA REGION 4 HIGH POINT AWARDS PRESENTATION:** Awards will be presented **Tuesday, February 24**, at Hampton Yacht Club. The cash bar will open at 6:30pm and the awards presentation will begin promptly at 7:15pm. Cost is free, dress is casual, and event is open to all. For info contact Lin McCarthy at (757) 850-4225 or [mcbear@earthlink.net](mailto:mcbear@earthlink.net)

**SOUTHERN BAY RACE WEEK Update:** **RUMBLE (Ben Weeks and Michele Cochran)** will return in 2009 to defend her PHRF B1 fleet title; in 2008 *Rumble* amassed a string of 6 wins, slipping only once to 2nd, in 7 races. **Tom Pantelides' MAZI** (Sabre 34), another returnee from 2008, is back in 2009 in the Cruising Fleet; Tom won the Early Bird Entry drawing for "a crew's worth" of SBRW polo shirts.

**Local Notice to Mariners:** Here's a service that is available to boaters and is provided and regularly updated by the Coast Guard. Find out what's going on in your "neck of the water". Has the shoaling at the mouth of your creek gotten worse, has a favorite buoy gone missing, and why are all those dredges out there around Middle Ground Light? Check out <http://www.navcen.uscg.gov/lnm/d5/default.htm>

Word is that certain Annapolis based boats who intend to do the **Annapolis to Newport Race** (June 5, 2009) are looking at the **Down the Bay Race** (May 22nd) as a great "tune-up". This will be the 60th running of the Down the Bay Race and the 62nd running of the Annapolis-Newport Race. That means if a boat does both, it will have sailed in 122 years worth of tradition in one summer.

**Rob Overton will conduct a rules seminar in Richmond, hosted by Fishing Bay Yacht Club, on Wednesday evening, March 18, from 6pm to 10pm.** Rob, who co-authored Part 2, Section C, of the 2009-2012

Rules, has been deeply involved in the racing rules since before 1993 when he joined the US Sailing Racing Rules Committee. For detailed information on the seminar and more on Rob Overton, please check out the Fishing Bay YC website at [www.fbyc.net](http://www.fbyc.net). To register for the seminar (cost is \$20) contact Allan Heyward at (804) 747-4500 or [heyward@chlhf.com](mailto:heyward@chlhf.com).

**11th Annual Southern Chesapeake Bay Leukemia Cup (July 11-12) begins its campaign on FEBRUARY 20th. The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society and Fishing Bay Yacht Club will host well known racing personality TUCKER THOMPSON** at Dominion Resources Auditorium in Innsbrook Office Park, 5000 Dominion Blvd, Glen Allen, Virginia. Admission: \$20 advanced tickets, \$25 at the door, and \$15 students. There will be a cash bar and light munchies. The public is invited to attend and all proceeds after expenses will benefit the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. Advance registration is available on line at [www.fbyc.net](http://www.fbyc.net). For additional information, contact Event Chair Den Roberts at [denroberts481@verizon.net](mailto:denroberts481@verizon.net) or (434) 977-9580.

**Most racers are not diesel engine experts...** maybe that is why many, many clubs and sailing associations on the southern Bay offer winter workshops on the "noisy beast below". Just this past weekend Old Point Comfort YC delved into the mechanical mysteries of the diesel engine and on February 21st, Yankee Point Yacht Club is offering a seminar on Basic Engine Service (open to all) at it's clubhouse in Lancaster, Virginia, at the Yankee Point Marina. Contact person for this event is: Ed Bush at 804-450-8101 or [cebush@comcast.net](mailto:cebush@comcast.net).

**US SAILING Race Officialships: Scholarships for Race Management and Judges Seminars are now available to young adult racers, age 18-30 years old through US SAILING.** This a great opportunity for high school and college sailing team members as well as recent graduates to expand their knowledge of their sport. To find out more, go to [http://donations.ussailing.org/2008/Race\\_Officialships.htm](http://donations.ussailing.org/2008/Race_Officialships.htm) A couple of southern Bay yacht clubs are also entering into the idea of "officialships". Some cover seminar fees for regular race committee participants and others cover based on certifications or test results. It's an interesting concept.

**MURPHY'S LAW:** Seems like half the southern Bay racing nation either is or has been at a regatta in sunny, warm Florida (color the Murphster jealous!) *Yrs Truly, the Racing Beagle*, will have to find a way to keep up with the golden tans that will be on display in April. So... back to the tanning booth! /S/ *Murphy the Racing Beagle, the sailing spirit in us all.*

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