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Southern Bay Racing News You Can Use # 478

SBRNYCU is an independent weekly publication of southern Chesapeake Bay racing happenings. Founded in April, 2000.

Tomorrow, February 2nd, is GROUNDHOG DAY! It will take a united effort to bring on an EARLY SPRING. It calls for a cloudy day tomorrow so that the Groundhog will not be frightened back into his hole by his shadow. If he goes back into his hole, there will be 6 more weeks of winter (and all the bad stuff that accompanies that, e.g. low temps, soggy snow, delayed bottom painting, etc.)

Snow News: A reader asks, "Is it true that Buddy Melges is bringing his ice boat to Hampton Creek for this weekend regatta?" Jack Huenerberg had to fly the postponement, "This is the first [BBSA] annual dinner that has had to be postponed in it's span of 51 years. That's amazing in that all have been held in January and we had a lot of snow in the earlier days."

The NAVY is coming! The NAVY is coming! The United States Naval Academy (USNA) is sending two of their varsity offshore teams and boats to **SOUTHERN BAY RACE WEEK 2010** (June 4-6). This is the second time the USNA boats have been to Southern Bay Race Week. They were here in 2008 and raced in the PHRF A fleet. Information and entry forms for SBRW are available at www.blacksealcup.com

The **Hampton Roads Sunfish Challenge and Dinghy Distance Race**, which was run for the first time last September, goes from Willoughby Bay to the Old Dominion University Sailing Center. Founders **Jimmy Schools and Jonathan Romero** have aligned with **Portsmouth Boat Club** as the 2010 Organizing Authority for the event. This is good news for all the dinghy sailors looking for a fun challenge - race along the edge of the channel that borders the USN warships berthed in Norfolk along the Elizabeth River. Awesome!

Early Birds are Top of the List: Two southern Bay racers already have claimed "first to enter" honors: **Bob Archer** (Norfolk), *Bad Habit* (Pearson Flyer) is the first official entry in **SOUTHERN BAY RACE WEEK**. **Sledd Shelhorse** (Virginia Beach), *Meridian 2* (Farr 36) is first to register for the **DOWN THE BAY RACE**, PHRF A. **Richard Griner** (Tracys Landing, MD), *Coyote*, C&C 115, is first to enter the DTB Non-Spin fleet. **SPRING COMETH!**

In the Winter doldrums? Take in a flick at The Mariners' Museum. Starting this Thursday evening and going for five weeks (every Thursday night, 7:00PM) TMM will offer a "Classic Movie Cafe" featuring some fun "**maritime**" films. The first one, this Thursday, is "**McHale's Navy**" (the original -- you just gotta have **Tim Conway**). Here is a link with the information and film titles:

<http://www.mariner.org/calendar/special-event/mariners-classic-movie-cafe-mchales-navy>

On-line entry is now available for the **DOWN THE BAY RACE** (May 28-29, 2010) of Memorial Day Weekend. To enter or peruse the entry list, log on to www.yachtscoring.com. It's not too early to enter the 61st running of this Annapolis to Hampton race. Details on the 2010 DTB are available at www.hamptonyc.com - click on the event logo.

Look for your **Cruising Club of Virginia (CCV) 2010 membership application** in the mail any day now. Turn it around fast, since members who wish to be listed in the *2010 CCV Racing Guide* must get their information and dues in no later than February 14th. If you have questions or need an application form, contact CCV Commodore **Jake Brodersen** at Captain_Jake@cox.net

Include carrots in your racing provisions - there are **night racing opportunities** on this year's Southern Bay Schedule. Some of these races will be sailed mostly at night, some start in the daylight and end at night, and some do both. All of the races included in the list below are intended to include nighttime racing. Most racers have been in a race or races that were not intended to end in the dark, but had no deadline and so. . . Here are some southern Bay races that require a special set of nighttime racing skills:

May 28	Down the Bay Race (HYC-STC)
Jun 25	York River Moonlight Race (YRYC)
Jun 26	Moonlight Race (FBYC)
July 24	Moonlight Triangle Race (CCV)
Aug 20	Plantation Light Race (HYC)
Aug 21	Smith Point Race (FBYC)

2010 CCV races will include, in addition to starts for all PHRF fleets, a **Cruising fleet**. This is the second time (2008) CCV has offered this racing opportunity to those who do not wish to compete in a PHRF class, but do want to do some "casual" racing.

It's good to be 4P: If you intend to race PHRF, you need a **2010 Valid Rating Certificate from PHRF of the Chesapeake**, and, for most southern Bay races, you must meet **PHRF Equipment Category 4P**. PHRF is very specific about what is required when YOU check the Equipment Category box on the application. PHRF says, "*Ensure you review the PHRF Special Regulations for safety requirements and sign the Certification of Compliance (Keep this certificate on your boat) BEFORE checking off the Equipment Category (4P, 5P, or 6P). Your application form must check off the Equipment Category (4P, 5P, or 6P).*" NOTE: The "lifeline exception" to the 4P requirements is clearly explained on the Certification of Compliance document that is part of the PHRF certificate. So, get yourself a quiet moment, read the PHRF requirements, and complete your application or renewal forms. It's part of getting ready to go racing. For info www.phrfchesbay.com

USA women, led by Anna, top Rolex Miami ORC Women's Match Racing. From US SAILING press releases: "In the **Women's Match Racing** finals, **Anna Tunnicliffe** (Plantation, Fla.), **Molly Vandemoer** (Redwood City, Calif.) and **Debbie Capozzi** (Bayport, N.Y.) defeated Lucy MacGregor's GBR team in a highly charged, best-of-five series. . . . "We had a great day on the water," said Tunnicliffe. "My team did a great job of staying in the game despite the two losses in the beginning. We fought back and kept it calm and pulled off the moves we needed to and are so happy we came out on top."

MURPHY RACING SEMINAR 2010 - "Rules Around the Race Course" is filling up fast. Register now - by e-mail, send your name, address, telephone number, and e-mail address to mcbear@earthlink.net Put MURPHY RACING-2010 on the subject line. OR, **phone** (757) 850-4225. **Saturday, February 20, 2010, 9am-3:30pm at Norfolk Yacht & Country Club.** Nineteen (19) days and counting.

MURPHY'S LAW:

Dear Readers,

Murphy, the Racing Beagle, who was believed to have been on an extended Key West Race Week celebratory tour and recovery, has been sighted. Faithful reader and "reporter at-large" for *SBRNYCU* R.Klein reports: "A friend of mine (yes, I have one!) driving up from Jacksonville, FL believed he saw Murphy on I-95 just south of Rocky Mount, NC, heading north. While my friend was getting some coffee at the Rocky Mt. exit, he also observed what he thought was the "Murphmobile" exiting I-95 and reversing his direction to the south. It is only conjecture on my part, but it may be that Murphy was attempting to return to Hampton Roads, heard about the impending "historical" snow storm, and was now headed back south. As we all know Murphy is smarter than most! Will the Murphster stop in Charleston and wait for the April regatta?? "

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