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

ORACLE (USA) WINS AC #33 - Brings Home the Cup - it's been away for 15 years! Oracle crushed the Swiss entry *Alinghi* in each of the best 2 out of 3 races off Velencia Spain, for the American's Cup. Our high tech trimaran walloped their high tech catamaran. So, our engineers beat the heck out of their engineers. Perhaps the Swiss should stick to clocks and chocolate! Now, the questions are what will the participant conditions be for the next AC competition and where it will the racing take place. Stay tuned. There's more info at www.americascup.com And, there is some unbelievable stuff on the start of race 2, including a mutiny on the RC boat, at www.sailingscuttlebutt.com, *Scuttlebutt Extra 3 - Sunday, Feb 14, 2010*.

LAST REMINDER: Registration closes this Wednesday, Feb. 17th for MURPHY RACING SEMINAR 2010 - "Rules Around the Race Course" 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.** A unique view from the racers' perspective on the race course - learn what you can do, when you can do it, and to whom! Sharpen up your tactics and strategy - master the game.

Some days you're the windshield... and some days you're the bug. Southern Bay racer **Denis Bessette** sails his trusty Merit 25, *Shadowfax*, in the northern most waters of the southern Bay - up around the Potomac River area. He had gone the extra mile, stashing his baby for the winter under a storage shelter. Then the additional 18 inches of snow fell a week ago and caused the shelter to do a kerplow on the boat. The rig was already down for storage, so that's a good thing. The really immediately bad part was that Denis could not check for damage until he shoveled the snow off the roof of the entire shelter. That took two days. It was that bug part. And, now we have more snow.

Media Watch: Check out the *February SpinSheet, page 75*. That's southern Bay racer **Dave Taylor** who is the subject of the "APS Chesapeake Racer Profile." Dave currently competes in the PHRF B fleet in his red boat, *Wham Bam* (Andrews 27)

SOUTHERN BAY RACE WEEK Update: Cal Huge, from Summerville, South Carolina, joins the *SBRW Early Birds* in PHRF A with his Archambault 40RC, *JUBILEE*. And, **Bob Howell's** Beneteau Ocn 44, *CYMRU* is first on the Cruising Fleet entry list; Bob makes his home in Virginia Beach. **Tim Dull**, also from Virginia Beach, is first to enter PHRF Non-Spin-1 (single headsail) racing *DART*, Santana 25. **Mike Veraldi** enters *QUICKY* in the J/24 one-design fleet, gaining Early Bird status and benefits. For SBRW 2010 info www.blacksealcup.com or contact Lin McCarthy at (757) 850-4225 or email mcbear@earthlink.net

505 MIDWINTERS - 27 teams mix it up in Tampa Bay. Four Southern Bay and Beyond boats raced in heavy air (15 to 30+) at DeSoto, Florida, a weekend ago. Three Hampton, VA, and one Cary, NC, teams made the trip to the spot where Tampa Bay and the Gulf of Mexico meet. **Chris Behm sailing with Jesse Falsone** finished 4th in the 3 day regatta. **Dustin Romey and Henry Amthor** where 6th. **Christian Rasmussen and son, Thomas** (13) stuck with it and finished 21st. North Carolinians **Dave Burchfiel and Josh Gray** tied for 24th amid a ton of broken gear. One competitor put it well, explaining that there were ". . . lots of broken rudders and bent masts." But, he continued, "It was awesome sailing in some huge waves." NOTE: The 505 East Coast Championships will be hosted by Hampton Yacht Club September 24 - 26, 2010.

When you feel a snow-whine coming on, consider the situation at the northern end of the Bay. This is from the notice **Dorian Haldeman** sent out Saturday to the northern Bay Laser Frostbiters: "All the Lasers are still covered with 12-24 inches of snow. There is a 3-4 foot snow bank blocking access to the driveway to the Laser racks and ramp. The driveway and ramp are still covered by 12-24 inches of snow. The basin is frozen solid. (Ali Meller and I [Dorian] experimented last night by throwing an object with significant mass onto the ice and it bounced.) So needless to say there will be no frostbiting [Sunday]. I do suggest that we get a team of volunteers to meet at SSA and shovel a path to the boats and the water just in case the basin thaws by next week." Now, **that** is a dire situation!

Southern Bay Brigade forming early for Scwepile Lighthouse Challenge. **Jake and Pat Brodersen's *Midnight Mistress*** has already registered for Scwepile 2010 and captured Bow # 1 for the regatta. And, ***Meridian 2, Sledd Shelhorse***'s racing machine is already on the Scwepile entry list.

Summer Holiday and Festival Events are on the southern Bay racers' schedule too. Make the most of them!

Memorial Day Weekend	Down the Bay (start on Friday, May 28) - HYC and STC
Memorial Day Weekend	Fishing Bay to Urbanna and River Races (May 29-30) - FBYC and RRYC

Norfolk Harborfest	Harborfest Hometowne Regatta (June 12) - PBC
Labor Day Weekend	Dink Vail Labor Day Regatta (Sept 4) - NY&CC
Labor Day Weekend	Stingray Point Regatta (Sept 4-5) - FBYC
Hampton Bay Days	Hampton Annual Middle Ground Light Race (Sep 11) - HYC
VA Beach Neptune Festival	Neptune's Atlantic Regatta (Sept 25) - BBSA
New Year Day	Dana Dillon New Year Day Race (Jan 1, 2011) - OPCYC and HYC

CCV Commodore Jake Brodersen wants racers to know that CCV Racing Membership this year includes a ticket to the Annual CCV

Awards Party. Additional tickets can be purchased with your registration for only \$30 each. This offer is only good through April 5th. The CCV

Rules Clinic on April 5th will be your last chance to get this discounted price on party tickets. 2010 CCV dues: Racing Membership = \$150 US SAILING members (\$165 for non-USSA members); Club Membership = \$30. If you have questions or need an application form, contact CCV Commodore Jake Brodersen at Captain_Jake@cox.net

MURPHY'S LAW: *Yrs Truly, the Racing Beagle* is home! There was snow everywhere the *Murphster* traveled. There was no escaping it. It's not easy making your way through 10 inches of snow on 8 inch legs. So, this *Racing Beagle* is home and glad of it. Pass the remote - I'm good 'til Spring. /S/ *Murphy the Racing Beagle, the sailing spirit in us all.*

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