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

Key West Race Week offered an assortment of conditions, most of them good, and plenty of big names, including Russell Coutts. The only southern Bay boat racing in Key West was **Travis Weisleder's Lucky Dog**. Travis and crew finished 8th overall in the 14 boat J105 fleet. Southern Bay racer **Mark Wheeler** was navigator on the winner of the 5 boat IRC-1 fleet, *Vela Veloce*, who snatched the overall top spot in the last race of the event on Friday. There were 136 boats entered in KWRW, including 7 multi-hulls.

TMM offerings of interest: On THIS Saturday, January 29 at 4:00pm, **The Mariners' Museum will host popular maritime fiction author David Poyer**. Poyer, a sailor himself, has a new sailing novel out, *Ghosting*, and will be speaking on writing maritime historical fiction. Then, on March 16, a Wednesday, at 7:00pm, **Russell Roberts** will recount the Arctic conditions, people, and animals from his trip on a 42 foot sailboat through the famed **Northwest Passage**. For more TMM program details, click here <http://www.mariner.org>

The original Meridian (Taylor 40) has been toiling at St. Mary's College (since Sledd Shelhorse moved to the Farr 36, *Meridian 2*) and is now up for sale and sail. Sledd and crew turned a lot of heads in the Taylor 40, like when they captured 5 bullets at SBRW 2005. Asking price is \$75K. She carried a 2010 PHRF rating of 21. If you are interested, call Ron McLean at 757-48-1073. Ron was and is a key player and Sledd's "Right Hand Man" on both *Meridians*; he knows her especially well.

Typhoon excitement is brewing on the Rappahannock. June 10-12, 2011, **Cape Dory Typhoons** from Carters Creek and the Northern Neck, and any others who choose to come, are invited to a Typhoon Regatta hosted by Rappahannock River Yacht Club. Recent count has more than 50 active Cape Dory Typhoons in the area. RRYC's Ron Mihills (804) 438-6111 is the point man for the event and John McCarthy will be Principal Race Officer.

SBRW 2011 updates: **Dave Eberwine's Sea Star** and **Mike Veraldi's Quicky** have registered as an Early Bird entries in Southern Bay Race Week 2011. Both are returnees from SBRW 2010 where each won his fleet; *Quicky* was first in the J24 One-Design Fleet and *Sea Star* in the PHRF A2 fleet. Best comment on an entry form to date: "Yes, please!" with an arrow pointing to the "Free Drink Tickets - Early Bird" option. www.blacksealcup.com

The Mid-Atlantic Regional Sunfish Regatta will be part of the Governor's Cup held at Ware River Yacht Club, August 6-7, 2011. And, it will be a qualifier for the 2012 Sunfish Worlds. Rick Klein - (804) 693-5629 - is Principal Race Officer and point of contact for the 2011 Governor's Cup. Just FYI, the 2011 Sunfish Worlds will be in Curacao, Netherlands Antilles.

Stingray Point Regatta, a long standing Labor Day event hosted by Fishing Bay Yacht Club, is expanding to three days of racing this year, upgrading dinners, bands, bars, and enhancing awards to include dailies. The regatta will open on Friday with a distance race, followed on Saturday and Sunday with drop mark races. Note that the Friday race will be scored separately from the Saturday and Sunday races. Monday, Labor Day, remains open for return deliveries home, cruising, and/or family cook-outs. Event Chairman is Mike Karn (804) 387-4675. Watch the FBYC website www.fbyc.net for developing information. Regatta dates are Friday, September 2, thru Sunday, September 4, 2011.

LAST REMINDERS:

Murphy's Racing Rules Made Easy travels to Carolina. The *Racing Rules Made Easy* one day seminar, presented by John McCarthy, will be hosted at the Blackbeard Sailing Club in New Bern, North Carolina, February 5, 2011, by Neuse Yacht Racing Association. Contact Clare Brock at commodore@nyra.com

US SAILING Race Management Seminar - Saturday, February 19, 2011 0800 - 1800 (8AM - 6PM)

Hampton Yacht Club. OPEN TO ALL. For those with some race committee experience and newcomers as well. Registration fee includes breakfast pastries, fruits, and beverages at check-in, lunch, drinks and snacks during breaks, and handout materials. Fee for US SAILING members is \$50; for non-US SAILING members, \$60. Register on-line at http://www.ussailing.org/racemgt/Race_Officer_Prog/seminars.asp or by contacting Lin

McCarthy at (757) 850-4225 or email mcbear@earthlink.net Information and the registration form are also available at the HYC website www.hamptonyc.com.

MURPHY'S LAW: *Yrs Truly , the Racing Beagle*, is fully engaged in the post-season National Football League play-offs - especially the commercials for the racers' national drink, beer. One commercial in particular lends itself to the racing scene. Instead of the current depiction of departure on a spaceship (beer and spacewomen are the bait), picture you and your crewmates as you arrive at the docks after a day of racing. You are greeted by tantalizing regatta creatures (Scylla's got nothin' on these folks) waiving frosty tins of beer, luring you to the party tent. Can't you just hear the roar of . . . "Here we goooooo!" /S/ *Murphy the Racing Beagle, the sailing spirit in us all.*

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