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SOUTHERN BAY RACE WEEK wants YOU! Racing for all PHRF, One-Design, and Cruising boats. Skippers meeting and welcome/check-in for all on Thursday evening, May 31; Racing for PHRF and One-Design June 1-2-3; and, for Cruising racing on Saturday and Sunday only, June 2 and 3. PHRF and One-Design = \$150; Cruising = \$99 Late entry fee (\$50) kicks in after May 23. Regatta info, fees and forms are available at www.blacksealcup.com or by calling 757-850-4225. Regatta Headquarters at Hampton Yacht Club, three racing courses in the Bay off Ocean View (Norfolk). **Y'ALL COME RACING!**

NOTE: Preliminary SBRW Scratch Sheet and Sailing Instructions are up at website – some fleets have not yet been split and splits MAY change based on additional entries.

The 80th, of 82 entries so far, in **SBRW** is an old friend returning to the southern Bay. Currently named **Dark Star** and owned and skippered by **Doug Savage**, the fine old dame will have to go some to disguise herself. The Pearson 37 sailed under **John Hanna's** hand as **Battlewagon** for too long a time to slip into town unrecognized. Last year Doug and the **Dark Star** team racked up a lot of racing miles (1,378) and victories in the Potomac area and comes to SBRW to sail in the PHRF A fleet.

The **Southern Bay Race Week J24 one-design fleet** has made (reached minimum required for a one-design class) earlier than usual. **Tom Chapman's** **HOT AIR**, from Irvington, VA, joins Hampton and Virginia Beach based J24 compadres **Quicky (Mike Veraldi)**, **Blue Bus (Christian Johnson)**, **Rocket J (Neil Ford and Lis Biondi)**, **roundabout (Alan Bomar)**, and **Boomerang (Max Plarr)**. There is still room for more! Entry forms are available at www.blacksealcup.com

CCV SPRING SERIES: SEA STAR, COOL CHANGE, ROCKET J and BLACK WIDOW win CCV Spring Series. Familiar faces in familiar places, but plenty of new faces, too. CCV Spring Series competitors raced, one day in a middle distance race and one day in two races around drop mark courses, on two consecutive Sundays in Hampton Roads harbor. Thirty-nine (39) boats raced for the Spring fleet championships, mostly under cloudy skies, cool air temps, and moderate to good racing wind. In **PHRF A (11 boats)**, **David Eberwine's** **Sea Star** (J36) handled the fleet and won every race (1-1-1). The run for 2nd place was not so clear cut. When all was said and done, **Phil Briggs' J36, Feather**, won a tie breaker for 2nd place (2-5-2) over newcomer to the fleet, **Martin Casey**, in his Olson 30, **Bow Down** (3-2-4). In **PHRF B (13 boats)**, there were no strangers on the podium. **Rusty Burshell's** J30, **Cool Change** (2-1-1) was first overall, followed by **Dave Taylor's** Andrews 27, **Wham Bam** (1-4-2) in 2nd place and **Bob Archer's** Pearson Flyer, **Bad Habit** (3-2-3) in 3rd. In **PHRF C (11 boats)**, **Neil Ford and Lis Biondi** in **Rocket J** (1-2-4) won the J24 battle and the fleet in a tie breaker with 2nd place finisher **Alan Bomar** in **roundabout** (3-1-3). And, on the **PHRF Non-Spinnaker (7 boats)** side of the house, **Leo Wardrup's** Irwin 38, **Black Widow**, had a perfect record (1-1-1) for 1st place, followed by **Louie Lewis** in his O'Day 34, **Incentive III** (2-2-2) and **Alan Moore** in **Trouble**, Beneteau 46, (8-3-3) finishing 3rd. The next racing that counts for the CCV High Point Awards is the Sunday of SOUTHERN BAY RACE WEEK, June 3, 2012. CCV membership fees do not cover SBRW – separate regatta entry is required.

NOODS – Here are some results from the NOOD (May 4-6) Regatta in Annapolis. A number of southern Bay boats and skippers and crew with southern Bay ties were there. To mention a few: **Bob Fleck** (Hardyville) sailed in the S2 7.9 class of 9 boats and raced to a tie for first, but lost the tie breaker, so ended up in 2nd. Bob is already entered in SBRW and will sail in the PHRF C fleet. **Aaron Ressler** (Annapolis) and **Miles Booth** (Gloucester), both of who will be racing at SBRW, finished 3rd and 6th in the Tartan 10 class respectively. **Mike Gravitt** of Yorktown, finished 4th in the Viper 640 fleet among 6 boats. **Clark Dennison** of Richmond, raced his J22, **Pistole**, and finished 29th in the huge 35 boat fleet. **Sam Mitchener** sailed in the 12 boat J109 fleet and **Double Eagle** finished 10th overall. **Double Eagle** will be at SBRW. J105, **Veloce**, sailed by **the MBE Syndicate** of Roanoke, finished 5th overall in the 17 boat fleet. There are complete results and regatta details available on the web – just Google NOOD Regatta Annapolis.

Southern Bay Racers remember **DONNYBROOK, Jim Muldoon's** beauty that graced the 2009 *Down the Bay Race*. They also remember on another occasion her career ending encounter with a rock near one of the Chesapeake Bay Bridge-Tunnel islands. Now, there is a new Donnybrook. She is 80 feet with a 10 foot bow sprit and a brand new paint job that makes her look even faster. She has traveled from Long Beach and is now sitting in the cradle in Baltimore with the mast lying next to her. **John Dodge** will be on her for the Newport Bermuda Race and has shared the following video of the loading and trucking process (two trucks, one for the boat and one for the mast) of the new *Donnybrook* from Long Beach, CA, to Baltimore. <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Pr4FFgyulRQ> The signs say OVERSIZE LOAD . . . and they mean it!

Most southern Bay racers know or know of **Eva Dailey and Mike Nestor**, whose beautiful boat **Tell Tales** was destroyed just recently when they ran into a reef in the Bahamas. Jim and Bev Borberg have undertaken coordination of contributions to a Lynnhaven Mall gift card to help Mike and Eva recover. Most of their possessions were destroyed. You may reach Bev at (757) 460-1051 or email her at bevborberg@yahoo.com. And, you may send checks to Beverly Borberg, 4524 Black Cove Rd, Virginia Beach, Va. Details of the incident are available at the Broad Bay Sailing Association website.

CAPE HENRY CUP, May 19. BBSA runs this annual event, a distance race that earns points in both the **2012 Southern Bay Distance Racing Series (administered by BBSA)** and the **CBYRA/PHRF Chesapeake Distance Series**. Racing is in the Bay and courses, depending on the weather, are set for distances from 27.4 nm to 9.2nm. The decision on which courses for which fleet (s) is made on race day depending on the conditions. For information and to enter, please contact Principal Race Officer Scott Almond at (757) 471-2663. This race is another daytime distance race that is challenging and surely will supply lots of grist for the bar and beer keg mills!

J24 RACERS have plenty of class racing opportunities coming up: There are too many J24s sitting in slips and on trailers in backyards. Loose the docklines and hook up the trailers!! Here are some specific reasons (ALL OPEN TO ALL) to get that **J24** out on southern Bay race courses:

**** Sunday, **May 20 - HYC Trapeze Regatta** offers the **J24** fleet a One-Design start - Alan Bomar (757) 810-4518;

**** Fri-Sun, **Jun 1-3 - SOUTHERN BAY RACE WEEK** offers three days of **J24** one-design racing (and great parties) - Lin McCarthy (757) 850-4225 or www.blacksealcup.com

**** Saturday, **June 23 - Hanbury Cup and Captain's Cup** sponsored CNSF, hosted by HYC - includes a One-Design **J24** Collegiate Class - Maxwell Plarr at sailcnu@gmail.com.

**** Sat-Sun, **July 28-29 - HYC MATCH RACE CHALLENGE**, bring and race your own J24 with your own crew - fully umpired match racing, parties, trophies, and guaranteed 8 races. John McCarthy (757) 850-4225 or www.hamptonyc.com click on event logo.

DOWN THE BAY Race (May 25 start in Annapolis) entry numbers have jumped to 35 and include enough **J-120s (5) for them to have a separate start in the one-design division**. This is the 63rd running of the DTB for the Virginia Cruising Cup - there were interruptions due to wars and in the late 1990's-early 2000's, lack of interest. Late entries will be accepted up until May 23 and must be accompanied by the additional \$50 late fee. See **HOT LINKS** below in this issue.

CORSAIR Racers. The **Corsair 2012 US Nationals and Rendezvous** will be held from 15-17 July 2012 at Solomons, Maryland, USA, as part of the **2012 SCREWPILE LIGHTHOUSE CHALLENGE**. For info on the regatta and entry fees and forms, please click on www.splc.us

On the *Rapp Rivah* this coming weekend Rappahannock River Yacht Club will have their Spring Regatta Saturday, May 19, and for the **FBYC Spring Series**, racing resumes on Sunday, May 20. Both events are OPEN TO ALL – let's go racing!!

HOT LINKS - For entry information and/or event details:

63rd **DOWN THE BAY RACE** for the **VIRGINIA CRUISING CUP** www.hamptonyc.com click on DTB logo (check-in Thursday, May 24, J/Port in Annapolis and start Friday, May 25 - finish in Hampton, Saturday, May 26)

2012 SOUTHERN BAY RACE WEEK for the **BLACK SEAL CUP** www.blacksealcup.com

(opens/welcome - Thur, May 31, racing June 1-3 - Cruising Class races June 2-3, one race each day)

SCREWPILE LIGHTHOUSE CHALLENGE www.splc.us (opens / check-in Saturday, July 14, racing July 15-17)

A bolt out of the blue! Because many of you asked about and reported missing your *SBRNYCU* last Monday, here's what happened: Last Monday, for the first time in 12 years, we **unintentionally** missed publication. Friday night (May 4) a lightning bolt crushed, fried and severed the PHONE lines in our neighborhood. They were dangling, frayed and torn from the pole. The strike was very near, too near, our neighbor's and our houses. But, we were lucky. We lost three of five phones, the garage door opener (and the garage is not even attached), and the water pump station went down momentarily and caused gray water to arrive in the pipes (later flushed out and all was well). The darned thing jumped all the surge protectors, grounds, etc on the **phone lines** and **ate the *SBRNYCU* motherboard!** So, a lot of time was spent determining the damage, trying and failing to repair equipment, and finally getting equipment in place and operating. (Special thanks to new friends at MCS in Churchland, and old friends Eric Matherne for recommending MCS and Pete Burch for helping get everything back on line.) Murphy is back at work. And, thank you, Dear Readers, for your patience. *SBRNYCU*

Last week at *SBRNYCU* was trying to say the least. Lots of work and lots of help from our friends, makes us feel like we are just about recovered. If you got this and you see anything wrong with YOUR name, address (misspelling, duplication, etc) or you just do not want to receive *SBRNYCU*, would you please let us know by replying to this email? *SBRNYCU* staff AND Murphy, the Racing Beagle, thank YOU!

MURPHY'S LAW: *Yrs Truly, The Racing Beagle*, has often contemplated a new "do" – a change of pace from the efficient short hair look. However, and speaking from recent experience, don't opt for the shock frizzzzz solution of a too close lightning strike – singed and smelly is not a way to make friends on the rail. Ahhh-ooooooooooooooooo! /S/ *Murphy the Racing Beagle, the sailing spirit in us all.*

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