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## **Southern Bay Racing News You Can Use # 634**

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**It's April Fools Day – let the racing begin!**

**The 2013 season opens this week.** In Hampton Roads, Hampton Yacht Club (HYC) and Little Creek Sailing Association (BBSA) will start their season long Wednesday Night racing programs. And, on Thursday, the Willoughby Racers, also a branch of BBSA, will open in Norfolk's Willoughby Bay, aka Little Bay. For info on these mid-week programs, please contact the administering clubs. Racers will have a chance to shake off more rust on Sunday at the CCV Tune-Up Races. There is no charge for the Tune-Up, but you do have to submit an entry form to the RC Chairman, Tom Connors, 1337 Bayville Street, Norfolk, VA 23505; Tom's phone is (757) 593-8950. Start time is 1100 for the first of 2 (intended) races. Racing is in the harbor. The North Division (Rapp River area) racers have one more week for final prep, crew training and practice; racing opens next week (April 13).

**Southern Bay Collegiate update: Congratulations are in order for the Christopher Newport University and the University of Virginia sailing teams** as they joined the field of teams qualified for the America Trophy regatta which is sailed at the US Naval Academy. The CNU Captains and the UVA Yahoos earned their way to Annapolis by finishing 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> respectively at this past weekend MAISA South Qualifier hosted by Hampton University. **Ben Buhl '16** and **Oliver Ross '16** with crews **Amy Craven'13** **Annie Eckmann '14** and **Julia Davis '16** sailed for CNU. Also qualifying for the America Trophy competition were University of Pennsylvania (1<sup>st</sup>), George Washington University (2<sup>nd</sup>) and Monmouth University (5<sup>th</sup>). Sixteen (16) teams raced at HU Saturday and Sunday.

**This is GOOD NEWS and no April Fools joke to the folks who keep their boats in the Salt Ponds of north Hampton.** The Salt Ponds was for eons and eons, before condos or oyster shortages, a designated "hurricane hole" for safe anchorage during massive storms. Nowadays it is a favorite spot for local boaters, lovely homes, and transiting sailors. However, the shoaling of the entrance has been an issue. Now comes the following from the City of Hampton: *"Salt Pond Dredging to Begin. A contractor has received approval to begin dredging Salt Ponds Beach Inlet, moving about 20,000 cubic yards of sandy material from the water onto Salt Ponds beach. The work should be finished before Memorial Day. The contractor will allow for passage of boats through the inlet, but the beach will be closed to the public. The contractor will be working*

a 12-hour day and there will be some noise and disruption.” The noise will be sailboat racers cheering – not having to wait for high tide to use the inlet, either way!

**2012 Turkey Shoot Regatta winners** move on to National Regatta. **Bill McClure and his crew** will be in St Petersburg, Florida, in a couple of weekends, as winners of the 2012 Turkey Shot Regatta, to race in the National Hospice Alliance Regatta; they will be racing Sonars and Ideal 18s for the championship. Bill and his crew won the 2012 Turkey Shoot [hosted at Yankee Point Marina off the Rappahannock River last October] in his San Juan 21, *Thistledowne*. *Thistledowne* is entered in SBRW 2013.

**DOWN THE BAY RACE** entries have begun to come in, with the first six on the list all coming from the Virginia portion of the Chesapeake Bay. DTB offers online entry through [www.yachtscoring.com](http://www.yachtscoring.com) as well as links to all the pertinent information for the Memorial Day weekend event. The race starts on Friday, May 24, in Annapolis and goes non-stop, 120 miles to Hampton. For additional info, contact Co-Chairmen Chauncey Wu (HYC) 757-890-2687, and Bill Sandberg (STC) 203-219-7256.

**Southern Bay Racers and Race Committees spent the past week completing their readiness plans.** On Tuesday evening Rob Overton, Chairman of the National Rules Committee, gave a rules presentation at the Cruising Club of Virginia (CCV) meeting and the *2013 CCV Racing Guidewas* distributed to members. Thirty-Six (36) race committee volunteers from numerous clubs, some in North Carolina, attended the Murphy Seminars NUTS & BOLTS RC Seminar presented by John McCarthy, on Saturday morning. And, a gaggle of crewbies and skippers stopped by Marker 20 Saturday evening for the annual *SpinSheet Crew Listing Party-South*, where Doyle Sails' Jim Miller sponsored the beer.

**SBRW 2013 – Update. The J24 and the J105 contingents** have increased by one each over the past week - **Neil Ford and Lis Biondi's** (Hampton/HYC) **J24 Rocket J** are all set to race and so is **David Clark's** (Mechanicsville/FBYC) **J105 Corryvreckan**. **Bill McClure's** (Troy/FBYC) *Thistledowne* (San Juan 21) has joined the SBRW PHRF Non-Spin Fleet along with **Richard Basye's** (Virginia Beach, NNSA) *Miss B Haven*, O'Day 28 5D, and **John Wandling's** (Carrollton/HYC) *Eclipse* (Beneteau 285). **Pete Wallio and Dave Alexander** (Hampton/HYC) have entered their J22 *Not So Blue* in PHRF C and **Martin “Bubba” Casey** (Norfolk/HYC) has signed in to PHRF A with his Olson 30, *Bow Down*. A complete entry list, entry forms, regatta info, accommodations, and more is all available at [www.blacksealcup.com](http://www.blacksealcup.com) or contact Lin McCarthy at (757) 850-4225, [mcbear@earthlink.net](mailto:mcbear@earthlink.net) **Y'all come racin'!**

**Today, April 1<sup>st</sup>, is the last day – really, this is not an April Fools joke – for the PHOTOBOT Spring Sale – 20% off regular prices – use the code “SpringSale” when you make your purchase. Go to [www.photoboot.com](http://www.photoboot.com)**

**MURPHY'S LAW:** When *Yrs Truly, the Racing Beagle's*, best friend called early this morning to say that *The Sequester* had struck the national rum allotment, the sleepy-headed Murphster's beagle coat went curly,

the finely tuned nose wrinkled like a prune, and the pure blood ran cold. Ahh-ooooh – my friend, the April Fool! /S/ *Murphy the Racing Beagle, the sailing spirit in us all.*

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