

Broad Bay Banter

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COMMODORE'S CORNER

Is it Spring yet? The days seem to be getting longer and I think that it might be getting warmer. Officially the Vernal Equinox this year occurs on 20 March at 1332 EST, at which time in various locales up and down the bay; sailors will be tossing their socks into the fire, to mark the start of another sailing season. Where does this tradition come from? If you hail from Annapolis, I am sure that you would tell us that this tradition started in the mid 1980's when Bob Turner, the then Manager of the Annapolis Boat Yard, took off his socks on the first day of Spring, put them in a paint tray, doused them with lighter fluid, and toasted spring with a long-neck beer while they burned. Others might say that this tradition dates back to the sailors of old where they wrapped their feet in cloth to keep warm during the long winter and when warmer weather finally arrived they unwrapped their feet and burned the cloth (I suppose there was not much else you could do with it). No matter, to me here in Hampton Roads the start of another season is marked by John McCarthy's Rules of Racing Seminar, which this year was attended by more than 90 Southern Bay Sailors who packed themselves into Norfolk Yacht and Country Club for a fun and educational event. The only question now is will I remember any of those rules as I approach the mark.

A lot is happening this month within BBSA. Our Monthly BBSA meeting will be held at 7:00 P.M. on 16 March at Bella Italia's Restaurant located at 1065 Laskin Road, Virginia Beach. This month, the U.S. Coast Guard will be providing us a presentation regarding their new "Rescue 21" Program and other Bay topics of interest. Come and join us for a great evening of sailor talk and camaraderie, and also don't forget to mark your calendars for the BBSA Cruise Planning Meeting and Little Creek and Willoughby Racers Registration dates. See you on the water.

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BBSA EVENTS

- March 14 - Cruise Planning Meeting (See Cruising News below)
- March 16 - BBSA monthly meeting (See Commodore's Corner above)
- March 20 - CCV Nuts and Bolts Race Management Workshop - Lin McCarthy - mcbear@earthlink.net
- March 20 - Little Creek Wednesday Night racing series registration and awards - John Bergman - littlecreek@broadbaysailing.org
- March 25 - Willoughby Racers Thursday Night racing series registration night at Rebel Marina - Dave Wilbar - willoughbyracers@broadbaysailing.org
- April 7 - Little Creek Wednesday Night races begin
- April 8 - Willoughby Racers Thursday Night races begin
- April 17 - Early Entry Deadline for Southern Bay Race Week - <http://www.blacksealcup.com/>

PHRF Racing News

by Scott Almond

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The 2010 Southern Bay racing calendar has been posted on the lower right hand corner of our homepage. The first big boat races of the season are right around the corner. Little Creek starts their Wednesday night races on April 7th and Willoughby starts their races the next day. And since everyone has to take a turn as the Race Committee, everyone should give a serious thought about attending the Nuts and Bolts Race Management workshop presented by CCV on March 20th (details follow in this Banter). Also on the horizon is the area's most competitive regatta of the season - Southern Bay Race Week - scheduled for the first week in June. This year, race organizers are moving the "Buckroe" racing circle over to Ocean View. This will make it more convenient for both Willoughby and Little Creek racers who race in the C, Non-Spin and Cruising Classes! Early registration deadline for this prime time event is April 17 (see details at the end of this Banter).

If your name is on a list somewhere to "do your turn at race committee", this is for you!

NUTS & BOLTS RACE MANAGEMENT - March 20th, Saturday morning (9:00am - 12:30pm) at Hampton Yacht Club - FREE. Sponsored by CCV. This is a Basic Primer that will get you through your annual race committee assignment. This is NOT "inside race management" material. It is designed to keep you out of trouble when you go out to run club races. Registration opens at 8:30am; coffee and breakfast goodies are courtesy CCV. Please do PRE-REGISTER, so plans can be made for adequate beverages, goodies, and seating, Pre-register by email to mcbear@earthlink.net and say you want to attend the RC Clinic, or call Lin McCarthy at (757) 850-4225.

CRUISING NEWS

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Our cruising planning party will be held on March 14 which will be after the publication of the Banter. So I will gather all of the information after the meeting and ask Jack to send it out to the membership. BBSA will furnish beer, and we will furnish soda and appetizers, so bring anything else you might want to drink.

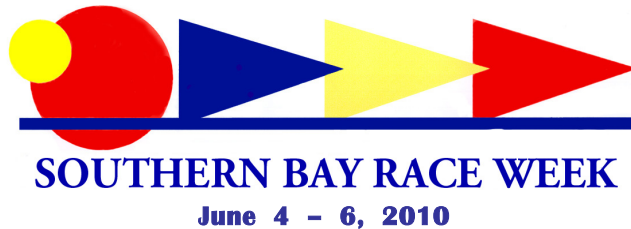
I do know that our kick off cruise will be May 15 at Waterside in Norfolk. My assistant, Jim, has tentatively booked spaces for 8 boats. Reservations should be in by April 29. Tell them you are with the BBSA group. We haven't worked out all of the details, but will plan on partying on the dock and then having dinner in Norfolk. Those of you who may not have your boat ready, can just drive on down and join in the fun. If the weather is bad, then we will all meet at the restaurant.

I am looking forward to our planning meeting and hope to have a full summer schedule of cruising to report to you.

Our address is 4524 Black Cove Road, Virginia Beach

Burgees – Bev Borberg, 460-1051; bevborberg@yahoo.com

I will be at the March BBSA meeting with a bag full of Burgees. So any one wanting to purchase one can do it then. The cost is \$19 at a meeting or \$20 if mailed to you. I am hoping you new members will want one and some of the older members may need to replace their worn Burgees. See you at the meeting.



Dear BBSA Friends,

Lin and I want to take a moment to recommend to you what we think is one of the best race/party events on the Southern Bay, Southern Bay Race Week. The other, of course, is BBSA's own Cape Charles Cup. SBRW regatta dates are June 4-6.

This year Southern Bay Race Week has made a big change by moving the C Fleet, Non-Spinnaker, Cruising Course over to the south side of the channel off Ocean View. One of the main reasons for this change is to make the venue closer and more accessible to boats from Little Creek and Willoughby.

Consider what SBRW offers:

- *A separate course for smaller, C Fleet, Non-Spin, and Cruising boats
- *Non-Spin 1 for single headsail enthusiasts
- *Non-Spin 2 for double headsail devotees
- *A Cruising Fleet for the more casual competitors
- *Three great days of racing (2-3 short races each day)
- *Four great nights of parties with food, adult beverages, music, and more
- *Daily awards in every fleet plus, of course, overall awards on Sunday
- *Photoboot out on the course each day taking action shots of every boat.

Most of all, SBRW offers great racing. The West Course has its own Race Committee run by long-time race officer Glenn Giles. Glenn's job is to run races appropriate to the taste of C Fleet, Non-Spin, and Cruising sailors who want to enjoy racing without the presence of bigger, faster, more aggressive A & B Fleet boats close aboard.

It really doesn't get much better than that. And the price is right. Early entries (deadline April 17) pay \$140 (as opposed to \$150 later) and receive 10 free drink tickets to help get the partying started.

Complete information on the event is available online at www.blacksealcup.com.

For additional information, as always, just give us a call at (757) 850-4225. No one on the Bay cares more about good racing than we do and SBRW is a great time for everyone.

Hope to see you there.

John MCCARTHY (and Lin, too)
SBRW Principal Race Officer