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IT HAS STARTED! This past week: At Charleston Race Week 170+ racers got in a full three days of racing, yesterday southern Bay racers de-rusted in the CCV Tune-Up Races, and this Wed/Thurs will be the second round of mid-week racing in Hampton Roads and the beginning of other series elsewhere. On the near horizon is the opening on Sunday of the CCV 2021 Spring Series. **Let's go racing! It is Time!**



Mid-Week Racing opened in Hampton (Hampton Roads harbor), at Virginia Beach (Little Creek), and Norfolk (Willoughby Bay) this past week. Racers hauled up the sails and on Wednesday evening found a perfect 10+ breeze had waited for them as they sallied forth. The *Hampton Yacht Club* fleet consisted of an even dozen (7 spinnaker and 5 non-spinnaker) racers. At Little Creek on Wednesday and Willoughby Bay on Thursday, *Broad Bay Sailing Association* racers put the natural resources to good use. Off Little Creek (East Ocean View) 4

spinnaker racers and 11 non-spinnaker competitors got the season going. A day later in Willoughby Bay, the 2 spinnaker and 9 non-spinnakers racers began their series. So, skippers and crew are hustling away from work in the middle of the week in Hampton Roads. . . and they will be doing so into September.

Getting close to opening are three more mid-weeks:: The *York River Yacht Club Wednesday Night Racing* gets serious this week. For event details and contact information, click on <http://yryc.org/events/wednesday-night-racing-2021-2021-04-07/> * *Typhoon Spring Wednesday Series* begins on Wednesday April 21st at *Rappahannock River YC* click www.rryc.org * *Norfolk Yacht and Country Club Keelboat Race Series* will begin on FRIDAY nights on April 30th. www.norfolkyacht.com/regattas **PHOTO NOTE: (see daymark/pin) #43498, David Bouchard's BUMPS, leads them back and takes the first start of the first race of the Wednesday Night season. The Bouchards re-named the J36 for its previous owner, Bumps Eberwine, who sailed her as Sea Star.**

To FIDDLER'S GREEN: Southern Bay sailing and racing lost a true champion of the sport Thursday night. Eddie Williams passed from us April 8, 2021. In the words of Edward W Wolcott, Jr, to the Hampton One Design class and others, *"It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of our friend, Eddie Williams on Thursday evening, April 8, 2021. Eddie was a prominent figure in the J24 Class, Etchells Class and the Hampton One Design Class. In the Hamptons, he was an eight-time Chesapeake Bay Yacht Racing Association High Point Champion, six-time Admiral Richard E. Byrd Eastern Seaboard Champion, four-time National Hampton One Design Champion, and two-time VA Governor's Cup Champion. He was a retired engineer from NASA Langley and was responsible for the fiberglass Hampton One Design along with his partners at BOW Marine."* Eddie was the epitome of a kind and gentle person and a mentor to some of our very best sailors on the southern Bay. There will be memories upon memories fondly held of Eddie Williams.

COMING THIS WEEK:

- **CCVR SPRING SERIES Opens: Sunday, APRIL 18. Races 1 & 2 in Hampton Roads Harbor. The first Warning will be at 1100.** There are 2 drop mark course races scheduled. PHRF fleets, VIPER 640, and CRUISING starts are offered. This is the first of 3 race days in the Series which totals 5 races. The starting line will be set in the vicinity of CCVR Mark "H" (harbor). The second day of the Series racing will be on Sunday, April 25th and will consist of a middle distance race (Race 3), will use the PHRF Random Course ratings, and will provide a start for a CRCA fleet. This race will also be scored in the Southern Bay Distance Racing Series. The final day of this Series will be on Sunday, May 2nd, races 4 & 5, and will follow the same format as Day 1 / races 1 & 2. For the Series NOR, CCVR Mark List, and other information see the *CCVR 2021 Racing Guide* OR click on www.ccvracing.us/racing
Principal Race Officer – John McCarthy 757-850-4225.

NOTE: Racers must abide by a critical change to the ENTRY REQUIREMENTS for this CCVR Series for this year. All entries must be submitted electronically to CCVR – click on <http://ccvracing.us/race-registration> and must be received no later than 1800 the night before the race. Racers can save \$5 off the Entry Fee if they enter and pay at least 48 hours before the race date.

- **BAY BRIDGE BOAT SHOW 2021 - combined sail and power. April 15 – 18. Take a ride up the Eastern Shore to Stevensville, Maryland, and check it out. SpinSheet Magazine has the info for a look-see. Click here https://issuu.com/spinsheetpublishingcompany/docs/apr_ss_2021/35**

Familiar JBOAT Back on the Southern Bay. *REBECCA J*, is back home on the southern Bay with former owner **John Wandling**. John had the J27 out racing this past Wednesday and on Thursday. John said he, ". . . found out she was retiring from racing in Annapolis and just could not resist getting her back." This is a pleasant case of *déjà vu*.

Remember the doublehand offshore racing team, Kenny Rumball and Pamela Lee? They have high hopes of representing Ireland in the mixed double-handed offshore sailing category in the 2024 Olympics in Paris. They continued their quest yesterday leaving on the 775 mile second leg of the Sardinha Cup, having just finished the 300-miles first leg. Read the **AFLOAT** coverage and see the accompanying video. Click on https://afloat.ie/sail/sailing-classes/mixed-offshore-keelboat/item/49941-mixed-offshore-keelboat-pair-rumball-lee-ready-for-second-leg-of-sardinha-cup?mc_cid=0dbf8d6917&mc_eid=de26fb1cf8



SBRW 2021 Up-Date: The 2021 SBRW fleet continues to grow and, as of this past weekend, entries number past 50 already. Trophies, daily, overall, fleet, and of course the SBRW BOAT OF THE

DAY flags (awarded each day in each Division) will be presented during the event (June 4, 5, & 6 – Opening-Welcome and Check-In is on Thursday, June 3). SBRW Welcome Bags with Black Seal hats will be at check-in. The SBRW on-the-water racing program will be just as it has been in recent years. There will be 3 Divisions – PHRF, One-Design, and Cruising – each with various fleets. There separate racing areas. Each Division with its own schedule of races. The SBRW Distance Race off Buckroe will be run on Saturday as part of the PHRF and the Cruising programs. Scoring will be live and posted on the SBRW 2021 Yacht Scoring site as soon as the individual races are completed. To see how the individual fleets are shaping up click on <https://www.yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=14283> and then click on **Scratch Sheet** or any other option listed. Everything about the event is there. HOW TO ENTER, and ACCOMMODATIONS, DOCKING, NOTICE OF RACE, and more. If you need additional info, have a question about entering or another topic, please call Lin Mc at 757-850-4225 anytime. **Y'ALL COME RACING !**

REMEMBER, the SBRW EARLY BIRD entry discount (\$15 discount + 10 regatta drink tickets) is good only through Friday, April 30th. Also, returnees from SBRW 2019 may deduct their \$25 OPNB Loyalty discount from their entry fees.



VIPERS required by Class to affix permanent BOW NUMBERS. Message from VIPER CLASS: According to SNAKE BYTES, April 5, 2021 issue:

“BOW NUMBERS NOW REQUIRED *The Class has reached out to everyone numerous times about the updated Class Rule requiring permanent bow numbers effective January 1, 2021. To date, only 125 boats have ordered bow numbers. With over 300 boats in the fleet, there are a lot of boats that aren't Rules compliant for 2021 To order your bow numbers click [HERE](#) NOTE: This order is set-up in Wild Apricot as an “event”, so don't be confused.”*

NOTE: SBRW Vipers – the above requirement will be in effect at the SBRW 2021 regatta.



MURPHY'S LAW: *Yrs Truly, the Racing Beagle, had occasion to remember while crewing in the tune-up racing that shin bones are for finding cabin top winches during sudden, unannounced gybes! /S/ Murphy the Racing Beagle, the sailing spirit in us all.*

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