

SOUTHERN BAY RACING NEWS YOU CAN USE #325

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Remember! Murphy Goes Racing, the annual SBRNYCU racing seminar is coming up fast - Saturday, January 27, 2007. This year's interactive and entertaining workshop is designed for all skippers and crew interested in brushing up on racing fundamentals, to include sessions on: boat prep, crew organization, sail trim, starting techniques, and general tactics and strategy. This is a great opportunity to re-activate your racing juices, bond with your racing buddies, and hob those ever-important nobs. John McCarthy, US Sailing Advanced Race Officer, Judge, and, first and foremost, racer and kindred spirit of those who race, will conduct the workshop. This year Broad Bay Sailing Association will host the one-day event at the Old Dominion University Sailing Center, on the Norfolk campus. The \$35 fee includes morning refreshments, lunch, and workshop materials. **For info and/or to register, call (757) 850-4225 or email mcbear@earthlink.net (subj: Murphy Goes Racing)** Sign up now, as space is not unlimited. Registrations will be taken on a first come, first served basis. It's gonna be fun!

START THE 2007 RACING SEASON RIGHT - THE NEW YEAR'S MADNESS RACE - Monday, January 1, 2007! This is usually a dilly of a race. It is also sandwiched between two great food-al opportunities. Things get underway at Hampton Yacht Club, with a breakfast buffet (opens at 0900) and skippers meeting at (1000). The buffet is included in the entry fee for skippers and is available at a very nominal fee for all others. First warning for the race is 1125. The race is a chase, aka pursuit, aka staggered start format - slower boats go first. Each boat's starting time will be available at the skippers meeting. The race begins in Hampton Creek off the HYC docks and finishes at Mill Creek off the OPCYC docks. The post-race party always sets the standard for the coming race season. OPCYC Super Chefs offer up plenty of holiday beverages and foods - food and libations for skipper and crew are included in the entry fee. So, make good on your New Year's resolution "to do every race in sight". **For entries received before 1700, December 23, the fee is \$25**, otherwise \$35. Open to all PHRF Classes and there is a special Cruising Class. For info contact Steve Lunsford at (757) 875-0907, or Dennis Miner at (757) 867-1028.

Tuesday, **The Battle of the Chesapeake Trophy** was personally delivered to the 2006 Screwpile winners at Hampton Yacht Club by **Screwpile Chairman, LG Raley**. LG was accompanied by Screwpile PRO **Clarke McKinney**, and Official Scorer **Don Behrens**. The trophy is awarded based essentially on the finishes of each club's racers for the entire regatta, with bonus points for numbers participating. This year the scoring went all the way to the third tie breaker as HYC edged out 2005 winner Annapolis Yacht Club. Southern Maryland Sailing Association, the host club for Screwpile, finished third.

Screwpile Does Hampton: Those guys from Screwpile are party experts! They closed the HYC Awards presentation gathering and moved on to Goodfellas (downtown Hampton), where they conducted research on a couple of the bands that were playing. Who knows, we might see a southern Bay band at 2007 Screwpile.

The Race Boat Shuffle: **John Wandling** says his J/27, Rebecca J, has a new owner. She'll probably be sailing out of the Seaford area in 2007. John, meanwhile, is on the hunt for a J/30.

Dear Readers,

It is that very special time of year again, and Murphy and crew will be taking a break to enjoy the season! Look for your next issue of Southern Bay Racing News You Can Use on Tuesday, January 2, 2007! Until then, jingle your bells like you mean it! Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

MURPHY'S LAW: This is a great time of year for a party animal such as Yrs Truly, the Murphster. My list to the Big Guy in the red suit is mailed, I've put my paw mark on all the cards, and I have advised on all the baking - Rum Hamburger Pie is my personal favorite. I'll look for my racing friends under the mistletoe... or under the punch bowl. /S/ Murphy the Racing Beagle, the sailing spirit in us all.

BAY POINT GRILLE, "Where Friends Phlock", and **SailTime Virginia Beach**, the World Leader in "Fractional Sailing", invite you to **our monthly Captain's Call Sailing Social**. Always @ 7pm and always the second Wednesday of the month. Next two = Dec 13 and Jan 10. Call Dave Wilbar (SailTime), 757-362-3002, or Di Ricks (BPG) 757-362-3455. **[ADVERTISEMENT]**

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