

SOUTHERN BAY RACING NEWS YOU CAN USE #327

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"Murphy Goes Racing", the annual SBRNYCU racing seminar on 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 optimization, crew organization, sail trim, starting techniques, and general tactics and strategy. 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 is hosting the one-day event at the Old Dominion University Sailing Center, (Norfolk). The \$35 fee includes morning refreshments, lunch, and workshop materials. For info and/or to pre-register, call (757) 850-4225 or email mcbear@earthlink.net (subj: Murphy Goes Racing)** Sign up now, as space is filling fast. And, remember, Murphy says, "It'll be a doggone great day!"

Get a Handle on This: There's a new winch handle out there - Lewmar has come out with their **One Touch Winch Handle@**. The essence of the improved design is that the release button is in the handle's horizontal arm. That's right, it does not take two hands to get this handle on the winch in a hurry. Putting it in or taking it out, just squeeze the handle. Now, if someone will come up with a handle that grinds by remote control!

Wednesday at 1300 the Meridian crew and skipper **Sledd Shelhorse** will be on the starting line for the **32nd Annual Fort Lauderdale to Key West Race**. It could be a really, really quick 160 miles for Meridian, if the weather predictions hold true - from the North and breezy. **The crew: Ron McLean, Jimmy Miller, Mark Wheeler, Beau Warren, Brandon Drinkwater, Graham Garrenton, and Dave Flynn.**

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Racer Websites: Try <http://coastalpredictioncenter.chesapeakebay.net> and <http://tidesandcurrents.noaa.gov>

MOVIE STARS: Yep, it is true - ESPN has produced a 30 minute **movie on St. Maarten Race Week**. The stars of the show are Chesapeake Bay boat (Annapolis) Donnybrook and crew and southern Bay homie, John Dodge. The 30 minute special has been seen on the Water Channel, Dish Network.

BOAT SHOW FIX: If you really, really, have got to get to a sailboat show, you might try Strictly Sail Philadelphia, January 18-21 at the Pennsylvania Convention Center. For details call 1-800-817-7245.

The America's Cup is sneaking up on us! On April 18, 2007, eleven challengers will start the Round Robin competitions. After the Round Robins, the top 4 will sail in the Semi-Finals, and those two winners will meet between June 1 and June 12 to determine the winner of the Louis Vuitton Cup. The LVC winner becomes The Challenger for the America's Cup. On June 23, 2007, The Challenger will square off against The Defender, Alinghi. This is the 32nd America's Cup, and it will be sailed in the waters off Valencia. BMW Oracle, Larry Ellison with Chris Dickson, is the only USA entry. In the final rankings of the Louis Vuitton Cup challengers, BMW Oracle stood 2nd behind Emirates Team New Zealand.

John Haracivet's Beneteau First 38, Tempest, sailing out of Gloucester, will be on the starting line too Wednesday at the **Fort Lauderdale to Key West Race**. The goal for all the racers is to be at Kelly's Caribbean Bar & Grill in Key West at 1700 for cocktails, hors d'oeuvres and awards on Friday!

Get Your Club In Lights. This September at CBYRA Annapolis Race Week, officials hope to have photos of all CBYRA member clubs as part of a slide show that will be on-going for the 3 days of the

regatta. Later this spring, CBYRA Executive Board VP, **Pat Teeling**, will be contacting CBYRA member clubs and asking for shots of your club. Get those cameras clicking!

Race Managers Tune-up too: February 17 - US SAILING BASIC RACE MANAGEMENT COURSE - Hosted by Fishing Bay Yacht Club (Deltaville, VA) - this is the official USSA course required for certification as USSA Club Race Officer. The certification test will be given to those participants wishing to take it. Fee (\$40 USSA members, \$50 non-members) includes morning refreshments, lunch, and materials. Register on line at US Sailing site www.ussailing.org/racemgt/Seminars or contact Lin McCarthy at (757) 850-4225 or mcbear@earthlink.net

2007 SCHEDULE AVAILABLE: SOUTHERN BAY RACING SCHEDULE FOR HANDICAP FLEETS is now available. If you have not already gotten the official schedule info from your club's racing official, you can get it by sending a clean email (please do not hit your reply button) to mcbear@earthlink.net, **Subj: Murphy, I want my schedule!** SBRNYCU will send it to you by return email.

Racer-Artists: Dust the rust off your T-Shirt design skills and submit an entry in the 2007 Black Seal Cup (Southern Bay Race Week) T-Shirt Design Contest. First prize is 100 smack-a-roos (American dollar\$)! Amateur and professional artists of all ages are eligible for the contest. **Deadline for entries is February 15, 2007.** For contest rules go to www.blacksealcup.com or contact Leigh Morgan at (757) 726-9649.

MURPHY'S LAW: A very good, ole friend recently advised Yrs Truly, The Murphster, of a new voluntary program sanctioned by the EPA. It's call W.I.P. - Water Improvement Program. It works like this, to every two ounces of water you drink, add a like amount of your favorite Scotch. There you have it - you have improved the water! /S/ Murphy the Racing Beagle, the sailing spirit in us all.

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