

SOUTHERN BAY RACING NEWS YOU CAN USE #333

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More than 30 race managers interested in becoming certified Club Race Officers filled the Fishing Bay YC clubhouse Saturday for the **US SAILING Race Management Course**. John McCarthy and Brooks Zerkel presented the course to the SRO crowd.

COMING UP IN MARCH:

March 16 - Gary Jobson will be speaking at the University of Richmond on Friday, March 16th, 7-9pm. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$10 for students (Yes, college kids are considered students!) Fishing Bay Yacht Club is sponsoring Gary's presentation and you may make reservations on line at the FBYC website or call Sue Willis at 800-866-4483 to make "pay at the door" resses. Seating is limited, so if you plan to go, get on it now!

NOOD Blown Out on Day 3. Two Southern Bay (and Beyond) Boats won their classes in St. Pete NOOD Regatta. Racing was abandoned the final day (Sunday) of the 3 day event due to high winds. Gusts of more than 30 knots were reported. More than 190 boats sailed at St. Pete.
MIRAGE 1st in Hobie 33: Christian Schaumloffel's (Virginia Beach/Hampton) gray, 33 footer won the Hobie 33 class at the St. Petersburg NOODs this past weekend. The Mirage team included **Jorge Ortiz, Ethan Rule, Steve Smith, Paul Kaylander, and Chris Leemann**. The Hobie 33 fleet (6 boats) was comprised of two boats from Michigan, one from Oklahoma and two from Florida, in addition to our southern Bay team.

RUM at SIX , # 1 in J/105 fleet. Worth Harris' (Raleigh, NC) took the top spot in two days of racing at the NOODs. There were 18 boats in the J/105 class.

Also in St. Pete enjoying the NOODs were Dennis Hannick, Radio Flyer, (King George, VA), who finished 3rd, and **Skip Hildebrand, Huntin' Tripp,** (Cornelius, NC), who finished 5th in the Tripp 26 class (6 boats); **Bill Hope, Thin Ice,** (Edenton, NC), who finished 13th in the 24 boat J/24 fleet; and, **Craig Olsen, Namesake** (Williamsburg/Hampton), who finished 5th in the 6 boat Olson 30 fleet. **Don Corey, Antics** (Cornelius, NC) finished 3rd among 14 Ultimate 20s and **Pete Marriott, Zulu** (Charlotte, NC) was 5th.

RACERS AND THE RULES QUIZ: At her starting signal a boat is 5-6 lengths over the line. The race committee, however, makes an error and forgets to display Flag "X" and/or sound a signal. The boat does not go back and clear. After the race, the boat discovers she has been scored OCS (On Course Side). Can the boat request redress? (answer below in this issue).

TICK-TOCK: Time to get ready for racing. Remember, DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME kicks in early this year: Leap ahead one hour on Sunday, MARCH 11.

For the FAST CATS. In this case we are talking **CHEETAHS**, not multihulls. The revamped Veteran's Cup, open to all and a CBYRA sanctioned event, has taken up the cause of the Kenya Cheetahs. Proceeds from the race will go to the support of the Cheetah Conservation Fund. The connection with the spotted beauties has stirred interest in the Vet Cup. Already a NY 36 plans to make the trip to Hampton Roads for the race; CHEETAH is owned by **Marc Briere** and sails out of Solomons, MD. For event info contact John Ritter at (757) 329-6992.

March 24 - SOUTHERN BAY RACING NEWS ANNUAL RACING WORKSHOP, "Murphy Goes Racing" - Saturday, 0900-1530 - hosted by **Pasquotank River Yacht Club at the Museum of the Albemarle, Elizabeth City, NC** - \$35 includes morning refreshments, lunch and workshop materials. This is the same "Murphy Goes Racing" that was hosted by Broad Bay Sailing Association at the ODU Sailing Center in January. "Murphy Goes Racing" is OPEN TO EVERYONE. **Info or register by contacting Lynn Jolley at (252) 771-2511 or email LJolley@albemarlenet.com**

Answer to R/R Quiz Question: Absolutely. All God's children can request redress. However, getting it will be the problem. RRS 62.1 says that to get redress a boat's score must have been made worse "through no fault of her own". The race committee certainly erred by not flying Flag "X" and/or not sounding the required horn. However, since the boat was so far over the line at the gun, the protest committee will likely find that she should have known it with or without the "X" Flag or horn and should have gone back. It would be unfair to the boats starting properly (i.e. not over early) to have the OCS boat "get away with it", when she was so obviously over.

MURPHY'S LAW: It's c-o-l-d. Cold as a keel bolt in the bottom of a frozen bilge. Even the racers at St. Pete were cold. Imagine, "wind chill" talk on the docks of St. Pete Yacht Club. /S/ Murphy the Racing Beagle, the sailing spirit in us all.

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