

SOUTHERN BAY RACING NEWS YOU CAN USE #335

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Gary Jobson will be speaking at the University of Richmond on Friday, March 16th, 7-9pm. This is the Kick Off Event for the **Southern Chesapeake Leukemia Cup Regatta** set for July 6 - 8, 2007. 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" ressesies.

TICK - TOCK: SPRING AHEAD 1 HOUR THIS COMING SUNDAY (March 11). DAYLIGHT SAVING (aka SAILING) TIME. This is good news, even for sleepy-heads. SBRNYCU AOT (Arbiter of Time), **Jimmie Mock**, says we've got 27 remaining days 'til the sailboat racers National Holiday, aka April Fool's Day, and only 40 days 'til April 14, the first weekend things begin to really pop!

BOTTOM TIME: The weather is warming. If you have not already done so, it is time to engage the co-most important racing professional with whom you deal (he or she shares top billing with your sailmaker) - the bottom pro. A boat's bottom pro also can be a strong and willing crew who follows directions to the letter. Get under your baby and get her ready to roll!

VELUX 5 OCEANS: Bernard Stamm, leader of the Velux 5 Oceans and winner of Leg 2 (Fremantle to Norfolk), arrived at Norfolk's Waterside Marina early Sunday morning. His official finish (local) time, at a designated point off Cape Henry, was 22:59:25, Saturday, March 3, 2007. The competitors in the Velux 5 Oceans must determine and navigate their route - no outside "weather routers" available to these guys. Those who were at the finish line or at the Waterside welcome ceremony experienced a moment in the presence of a truly great sailor. And, more solo sailors will follow in the coming days. Watch for arrival information at www.velux5oceans.com then, click on Norfolk Stopover for local details. Bernard Stamm's ocean racer, Cheminees-Poujoulat, is currently "parked" at the Waterside marina, in an el primo location for up-close viewing. Take a long lunch (you deserve it) and give it a look.

RACERS AND THE RULES QUIZ: You are racing. During the race you clearly see a fellow competitor miss a mark. He is some distance away and probably cannot hear anything you hail to him. What should you do? (answer follows in this issue)

Early Birds in Southern Bay Race Week: Three firsts are already signed up for 2007 SBRW. The first boat to enter is Meridian 2 (**Sledd Shelhorse**), the 2006 winner and therefore defender of the **Black Seal Cup**. The first J/105 has entered: the boat is Flying Colors (**Richard Payne**). And, the first "out-of-town" (i.e. out of Hampton Roads) boat to enter is Schiehallion (**Brad Miller**), sailing out of Fishing Bay. SBRW organizers award 6 free regatta drink tickets to entries received prior to midnight, April 15.

REGATTA PARTY LINE: 2007 SCREWPILE - adds a party and re-locates the post-race soirees. Screwpile officials have moved the post-race parties, all of legendary status, a short distance to a splendid location. The festivities will center at the Holiday Inn-Select waterside courtyard - think docks, swimming pool, and cabana bar! Now, you can float in the pool until it's time to pick up your 1st place daily. And, on Saturday, July 21st, after the registration and skipper's meeting (courtyard at the Holiday Inn), there will be a party at the new Southern Maryland Sailing Association Clubhouse (just off the main drag in "downtown" Solomons). Get your ressesies and break out your high-heel sneakers; we are gonna P-A-R-T-Y www.screwpile.com www.screwpile.net www.splc.us

Media Watch: A great picture in the March SpinSheet (page 88) of the CASH FLOW team (**Lloyd Griffin**, Elizabeth City, Hadley 40) at Key West Race Week. CASH FLOW finished 1st overall in their PHRF fleet. Awesome shirts! Also in SpinSheet (page 90) an "on board" photo taken by crew member Brendan Drinkwater as MERIDIAN (Sledd Shelhorse, Virginia Beach, Farr 36) barreled down the course toward the Bolero Trophy in Lauderdale to Key West.

Coming Back to the Southern Bay: **Juan Diaz**, who sailed his Beneteau Sur Le Vent out of Norfolk Navy Sailing Association, raced in Tri-Services, and occasionally in the Old Point Comfort Yacht Club series, is returning to the area, and probably to the racing circuit. Word is the Diaz team expects to be here by June.

Special thanks go to **John Kren** who kept us all posted on the expected and accelerated arrival times of **Bernard Stamm** this past weekend. John is a member of the crew on **Greg Cutter's** Elliott 770, Gremlyn.

Speaking to Bluewater Racers: **There are two upcoming seminars of special interest to those who favor distant horizons.**

March 24-25: 28th annual Safety-at-Sea Seminar hosted by the Marine Trades Association of Maryland and the United States Academy Sailing Squadron at Alumni Hall at the U.S. Naval Academy, Annapolis. This seminar is packed with great stuff, including on-water demos of raft deployment and helicopter rescue, sessions on medical emergencies and on weather systems, and more. Day 1 of the Seminar meets US SAILING certification for off-shore racing regulations. For info details and/or to register go to <http://www.mtam.org>

April 14: "Sea Safety and Seamanship: A Primer for Bay and Coastal Sailors", presented by Shelia McCurdy, chairman of the national faculty for US Sailing, and hosted by Fishing Bay Yacht Club at Deltaville, Virginia. The course is open to all and the registration fee (\$35 - \$60 for couples) includes lunch and the course syllabus. This course is designed for cruisers and distance racing sailors to help prepare them for the challenges routinely encountered in bay and coastal cruising. NOTE: This course does not meet the requirements for US SAILING certification for off-shore racing regulations; it is not a US SAILING Safety-at-Sea Seminar. For info and to register contact George Burke at (804) 359-1187.

US SAILING, the folks who, among other things, administer our sport nationally, speak for us internationally, offer our clubs and volunteers special insurance packages, run championships, and....so much more, is surveying yacht club and sailing club managers. They are gathering information about facilities, insurance, youth programs, and banquet aspects for clubs. The intent is to analyze the data and try to provide solutions for anticipated circumstances. The survey is available on line to club managers at <http://www.prsurvey.com/ussailing/>

Schedule Heads-Up for Dinghy Racers: 43rd Annual Virginia Governor's Cup One-Design Regatta, August 4-5, 2007. Ware River Yacht Club (Gloucester, VA) invites all classes and says that if a class does not make, i.e. have 5 boats, they will be "...grouped with other such classes and race using the Portsmouth rating handicap system." Regatta Chairman: Heath Allen (757) 871-3817 or Registration/General Info: Rick Klein (804)693-5629. Mark your calendar - this is a good time regatta!

Answer to RR Quiz Question: PROTEST! Rule 61.1(a) says you must notify the boat you are protesting "at the first reasonable opportunity". STEP 1 = Put up your red flag immediately. STEP 2 = Hail "protest". Yes, he probably can't hear you. Hail it anyway, so that some "sea-lawyer" can't declare your protest invalid because you didn't hail. Know, however, that you haven't really notified him. Do that as soon as you can, preferably the first time your boats get close together on the course. If not possible, do it as soon as you get ashore and definitely within the protest time limit. Tell the RC at the finish line (if required by the S.I.) and, finally, STEP 3 = submit a timely, written protest. Hopefully, once he realizes he missed the mark, the competitor will retire but, if not, go to the hearing.

March 17 - CCV Race Management Clinic hosted by Hampton Yacht Club, Saturday, March 17, 0900 - 1200. "You got the race started, now what are you going to do?!" This half-day clinic is a refresher for experienced race committee hands and a good introduction for newcomers. US Sailing Advanced Race Officer and Instructor, John McCarthy, will conduct the clinic. Plan to cover the essentials of race management, in a nutshell and easy to understand. Here is the reality of managing a race. This clinic is offered by CCV and HYC; **it is FREE, and is OPEN to ALL.** Morning refreshments will be provided. Be there at 0830 to sip and socialize!

MURPHY'S LAW: Some say Cheminees-Poujoulat, Bernard Stamm's, race boat performed like a scalded dawg on his trip to Norfolk from Fremantle. Yrs Truly, the Racing Beagle, would say otherwise. I say she performed like the scaredy-cat pictured on her bow, who must have heard the bark of the racing beagle. /S/ Murphy the Racing Beagle, the sailing spirit in us all.

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VELUX 5 Oceans Solo Challenge enroute TO HAMPTON ROADS NOW. First skipper arrived Saturday night. Others will be arriving soon. If you would like to be part of the welcoming party notification, please email dwilbar@sailtime.com. For up-to-the-minute details, stop by the web site, www.velux5oceans.com Call VELUX stopover sponsor SailTime Virginia Beach at (757) 362-3002 for more info. [ADVERTISEMENT]