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Reminder for Boat Yard Denizens: This is a nerve racking time and the "to do" list is long. Right now, confirm with your yard your intended splash date. Watching from the hard while your buddies sail off to freedom and opening season races is nooooo fun! Call 'em now.

2007 CCV RACING GUIDE: The *Guide* will be ready for distribution at the **CCV ANNUAL RACING RULES CLINIC**, Tuesday, April 3rd, 6:30 pm, at The Mariners' Museum (Newport News, VA). **Dave Pyron**, US Sailing Judge and International Umpire will present the rules clinic. 2007 members of CCV may pick up their copies of the *Guide* at the Clinic. Also, applications for CCV membership will be accepted. Note: A copy of the *Guide* comes with any CCV membership (Club or Racing). The Clinic is FREE and OPEN TO ALL. Be sure to clear your decks for the evening of April 3, 2007.

This morning, if there is wax under your fingernails and the words "**wet sand**" do not conjure up a vacation in Pago Pago, you probably are a sailboat racer.

RACERS AND THE RULES QUIZ: While attempting to finish a race, the bow of your boat crosses the finish line. The air is light and the current is nasty. Before you can avoid it, you bump the finish mark. Should you:

- Hope it's not a Coast Guard channel marker crunching your rail;
- Do a one-turn penalty and go home;
- Do a two-turn penalty and go home;
- Get back on the course side and finish again;
- Do a one-turn penalty and finish again.

Portsmouth Boat Club played welcoming host to **Kojiro Shiraishi** aboard *Spirit of Yukoh* when he pulled into Norfolk, Thursday, March 15. The PBC-ers had done their homework. In addition to the traditional bottle of champagne, **Rodney Paice**, PBC Commodore, presented the ocean racer a McDonald's Big Mac and fries. Someone at PBC had read that "Koji" had said that a Big Mac and fries dominated his thoughts during the long (14,200 miles) Leg 2 of the race.

VELUX 5 OCEANS RACE arrivals and re-start plans information is up to date and readily obtained at (757) 351-6721 or www.velux5oceans.com click on Norfolk Stopover.

Southern Bay Racers April Calendar: Here we go!

April 3 - Tuesday - CCV Racing Rules Clinic and 2007 CCV Racing Guide distribution
 April 4 - Wednesday - HYC Wednesday Night races begin
 April 11 - Wednesday - BBSA Little Creek Wednesday Night races begin
 April 12 - Thursday - BBSA Willoughby Racers Thursday Night races begin
 April 14 - Saturday - CCV Spring Tune-Up Races and J24 Fleet 71 Spring Regatta
 April 14 - Saturday - OPCYC Yankee Point races begin
 April 15 - Sunday - VELUX 5 OCEANS Re-Start (3rd and final leg)
 April 20 - Friday - PBC Barnacle Friday Night races begin
 April 21 - Saturday - YPYC Spring Regatta
 April 21 - Saturday - FBYC Opening Day
 April 22 - Sunday - CCV Spring Series Races #1 and #2
 April 22 - Sunday - FBYC Spring Series 1

April 25 - Wednesday - YRYC Wednesday Night races begin

April 29 - Sunday - CCV Spring Series Races #3 and #4

April 29 - Sunday - FBYC Spring Series 2

Answer to RR Quiz Question: A and E. are both correct. A - If you are going to hit something, make it an orange inflatable. Just don't drag it anywhere! E - When any part of your hull, crew, or equipment crossed the finish line in the direction from the previous mark, you were finished. However, you weren't **done**. You are still racing until you clear the finish line and marks. You failed to do that, since you hit the mark. To exonerate yourself, you must follow Rule 31.2 by getting clear of other boats (on either side of the line) and doing a one-turn penalty. Then you must get back to the course side of the line and finish - again. By the way, if you do not exonerate yourself, you may be protested by anyone who saw it happen, i.e. another boat or the race committee.

MURPHY'S LAW: Yikes! a close encounter with a channel marker! That leads to an even closer encounter with the fiberglass guy. Now, that's a budget buster! /S/ *Murphy the Racing Beagle, the sailing spirit in us all.*

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