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SAILBOAT RACERS NATIONAL HOLIDAY, aka APRIL FOOL'S DAY, Sunday April 1. Do your part!

And, now there are three... VELUX 5 OCEANS racer Unai Basurko, 33, crossed the Leg 2 finish line Friday evening and arrived at Waterside around midnight. That leaves one more arrival prior to the re-start on April 15. **Sir Robin Knox-Johnson, 67**, on *SAGA INSURANCE*, is expected in a few days. However, the fifth racer still competing, **Graham Dalton, 54**, aboard *A Southern Man - AGD*, in all probability, will not arrive in time for the re-start for the final leg. He could however, get to Norfolk in time to serve his penalty delay, and perhaps, finish the event. Dalton has been much delayed repairing equipment and then replacing "missing" equipment. For details on his exploits go to the VELUX 5 Oceans web site. **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.**

DRAWING SAIL ART CONTEST, sponsored by Dominion Enterprises, opened yesterday. Open to anyone 16 years old and younger. The winning design will be recreated on a sail used by the schooner *Virginia* in the June 8, Parade of Sail (Harborfest). For contest details check the web at www.dominionenterprises.com.

9 Days and counting down - CCV ANNUAL RACING RULES CLINIC, Tuesday, April 3rd, 6:30 pm, at The Mariners' Museum (Newport News, VA). The *2007 CCV RACING GUIDE* will be ready for distribution at the clinic. **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.

Here's a goal worthy of southern Bay racers' attention: This year the US Off-Shore Championship (Lloyd Phoenix Trophy) will be decided at the US Naval Academy in Annapolis, October 26-28. To be selected from our area to compete, it really, really helps to have done well in our major keel boat events, i.e. Southern Bay Race Week, Screwpile Lighthouse Regatta, and/or Annapolis Race Week, as well as other races/regattas throughout the season. So, get out there and get to it. The winners have to come from somewhere, and it might as well be from the southern Chesapeake Bay!

More Velux 5 Oceans - local flavor: Portsmouth Boat Club is hosting an "In Port" Regatta to honor the Velux racers. The race will be held in the Elizabeth River on Saturday, April 14. Entry is \$20/\$18, and must be filed no later than April 12. For info and details contact Jonathan Romero at (757) 285-6017.

EARLY APRIL - Get out of the boatyard! Practice this week!

April 03	Tuesday	CCV Annual Rules Clinic and <i>CCV Racing Guide</i> distribution
April 04	Wednesday	HYC Wednesday Nights begin
April 11	Wednesday	BBSA-Little Creek Wednesday Nights begin
April 12	Thursday	BBSA- Willoughby Racers Thursday Nights begin
April 14	Saturday	CCV Tune-Up Races
April 14	Saturday	J24 Fleet 71 Spring Regatta
April 14	Saturday	OPCYC Yankee Station races begin
April 14	Saturday	PBC "In Port" Race
April 15	Sunday	VELUX 5 OCEANS RE-START (Hampton Roads Harbor)

MURPHY'S LAW: What's going on? In the NCAA Final Four they've got crazy mascots. They've got the Buckeyes, some kind of flowery, gray barked tree, and the Hoyas, a shrubby climbing, waxy plant. Then, there's the swamp creatures, the Gators, and something that's not quite a real, honest to goodness bear, the Bruins. I don't get it - where are the Beagles? That's a mascot that will hunt! /S/ *Murphy the Racing Beagle, the sailing spirit in us all.*

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