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Ya got ready, ya got set, and now it's time to GO! Happenings this coming week and weekend:

VELUX 5 OCEANS RACE NOTES: www.velux5oceans.com

Thursday, April 12:

The Velux 5 Oceans RACE VILLAGE will open Thursday at 10:00am and will be open through Sunday afternoon. The tents are situated at Waterside on the seawall in downtown Norfolk. All sorts of happenings and exhibits, and the race boats are right there at the Waterside Marina. Stop by and check it all out - after Sunday, it will all be a memory.

Saturday, April 14:

In Port Regatta, hosted by Portsmouth Boat Club to honor the Velux 5 Oceans Racers. Start and finish lines will be between the Portsmouth Seawall and the flag pole at the Sheraton Hotel on the Norfolk waterfront. Go to the PBC website for the race course (to be sailed on the Elizabeth River) <http://portsmouthboatclub.org> Deadline for entries is April 12 (Thursday). For info contact Jonathan Romero at (757) 285-6017. Post-race festivities start with trophies being awarded by the Velux 5 Oceans skippers under the Velux tent at the Waterside Race Village. Participants and guests are invited to more festivities on the schooner *Virginia* at the Otter Berth.

SUNDAY, APRIL 15:

VELUX 5 OCEANS RE-START - Course for the final leg (approximately 3,200 miles) of the 'round the world race is from Hampton Roads harbor to Spain. This is the BIG day. The boats (Open 60s) will be towed from Waterside to the starting area, while the skippers are helicopter-ed to the deck of the *HMS Oceans* (British aircraft carrier, to be located between the starting line and the Hampton Roads Bridge Tunnel). From the carrier, the skippers will be transferred to their boats by super-speed craft and the shore support crew will disembark. The starting line will be between the Norfolk Naval Base carrier piers and Hampton Bar. Schooner *Virginia* will serve as one end of the starting line and Angus Hines' Hatteras 75, *Sentry*, will serve as Race Committee signal boat. The southern Bay's John McCarthy is Principal Race Officer for the Re-Start and Brian Deibler will be setting the starting area marks from *Southern Branch*. Anticipated starting time (the gun) is 1300 (1:00pm). Spectator craft are welcome at the start and also may follow the racers out the channel and out the Bay! *Adios y buena suerte, botes de vela!*

WED, April 11 and THUR, April 12: BBSA Little Creek SA Wednesday Races and BBSA Willoughby Races Thursday Races begin - On going, season-long programs. For Little Creek, contact John Bergman at (757) 362-3775, and for Willoughby contact Scott Almond at (757) 471-2663.

SATURDAY, APRIL 14:

CCV Tune-up Races - Warning signal at 1100; Venue is inside Hampton Bar and course(s) are around gov marks in the harbor; Plan for 2 short races (weather permitting); All PHRF classes will be given starts; for info contact John McCarthy at (757) 850-4225. The name of the event is appropriate - tune-up for boats, crew, and skippers!

J-24 Fleet 71 Spring Regatta - Running in conjunction with CCV Tune-Up races (see above), except will have separate sailing instruction - J/24 skippers/competitors meeting at HYC race day morning (J/24 racers only); for info contact John McCarthy at (757) 850-4225. CBYRA sanctioned event.

OPCYC Yankee Station Races begin - This is a season-long program. For info contact Dennis Miner at (757) 867-1028 or Steve Lundsford at (757) 875-0907.

Fleet Tweak: C Fleet's loss, will be B's gain. *Callinectes*, **Ben Cuker's** Cal 30-3, has been hit with a 3 second adjustment to his PHRF rating. The change takes *Callinectes*, the 2006 CCV High Point "C" Champion, out of C fleet and puts him in PHRF B. The PHRF rating band for B Fleet is 116 to 166.

Some not so Fat Bottom Girls getting attention: Spotted at Wormley Creek with refreshed bottom jobs, **Rusty Burshell's** *Cool Change* (J/30, PHRF B) and **Dave Eberwine's** *Sea Star* (J/36, PHRF A). It is noteworthy that both of these boats are 2006 CCV High Point Champions. Also, spotted in Norfolk, sporting a new bottom job was **Justin Morris' The Hunter**, and **Mark Shaw's Prevail**. **Jake Brodersen** has brought *Midnight Mistress* home after wintering up on the York. Left behind on the hard at Sarah's Creek are **John Boon's** J/30, *Salsa Verde* and **Bob Cumming's Quicksilver**; both look ready to take the plunge very soon.

It's official - The first boat away from the dock to go racing in a scheduled 2007 series in the southern Bay was... *Whisper*, **Larry Bryant's** Hunter 40. *Whisper* and 13 other boats filled with hearty souls headed out in the first 2007 HYC Wednesday Night race, only to be pounced upon by a busting wind and withering temperature drop before most got to the first mark. OK though - 14 out, 14 back!

Close to 100 racers attended the CCV Annual Racing Rules Clinic last Tuesday at The Mariners' Museum and enjoyed **Dave Pyron's** rules presentation which included an audience participation "game" involving racing/rules situations. The *2007 CCV Racing Guide* was distributed. If you were not able to attend the Clinic, you may join CCV and/or pick up your 2007 CCV Racing Guide at the Hampton Yacht Club office. Or, you may contact a CCV Board member directly.

SBRW EARLY BIRD DEADLINE: April 15. Early Birds turn worms into drink tickets! Early Bird entries to Southern Bay Race Week get 6 free regatta drink tickets. But, ya gotta enter by this coming Sunday, April 15. Don't miss this freebie - enter now. That's how the worm turns! Go to www.blacksealcup.com for entry form.

SBRNYCU Mea Culpa to Mark Wolfe, who has NOT changed his name to Mark Wall and who DOES own *Orange Blossom Special*.

CT Tiller returns to the race course after a 16 year hiatus in his sailboat racing life. CT drove his J24, *Cap'n Crunch*, in southern Bay races with much success back in the not so distant day. Now, he returns with a J27 named *Boogity 3* (previously owned by **John Wandling** and raced as *Rebecca J*). Welcome back, CT! If he goes spinnaker, he'll most likely rate out in the B Fleet; the Non-Spinnaker fleet, of course, includes all ratings.

More Racing Love Notes: **Ethan Williams and Julia Bower**, both of whom crew on *Midnight Mistress*, tied the knot in February and will be crewing as Mr. & Mrs. They are following the example set by owners **Jake and Pat Brodersen**. They married when Pat was crewing on Jake's Hunter 28.5, also named *Midnight Mistress*. And, **Allan Young**, event chairman of the Hospice Turkey Shoot Regatta, and **Victoria Marek** were married this past Saturday. Congratulations!

Walter Cronkite and Gary Jobson will host on ESPN Classic, this coming Friday, April 13, "**The America's Cup, 1851 -2007**". The advance publicity sounds like it will an interesting and entertaining presentation on the "longest, continuously held sporting event in the world". Broadcast time is 7:00 pm ET.

Going to Charleston Race Week: **Sledd Shelhorse** (HYC, Virginia Beach) and crew will be racing *Meridian 2* at Charleston Race Week (April 12 - 15), before returning home to take up the 2007 southern Bay campaign. **Travis Weisleder** (FBYC, Richmond), *Carloan*, will be racing in the 22 boat Melges 24 fleet along with **Scott Baste** (LLSC, Otto, NC), *Room 444 Improvement*. **Dennis Hannick** (DYC, King George, VA), is racing *Radio Flyer* in the PHRF F fleet along with another Tripp 26, *Huntin' Tripp*, **Treze Decker** (LNYC, Charlotte, NC). **Frank Silver** (HYC/CYC/PRYC, Kill Devil Hills), *Phantom*, will sail in the 5 boat PHRF G fleet. North Carolinians make up 50% of the J80 fleet: **Alan Simoni** (PYC, Cornelius), *Bone Chillin'*; **Michael Jones** (Wilmington), *Outrageous*; and **Alston Team** (WPYC, Elon), *Sweet Baby J*. **John Collins** (Winston-Salem, NC) is one of only two J24s who come from north of South Carolina in the 16 boat J24 fleet. *Teamwork*, **Robin Team** (WPYC, Beaufort, NC), is among 5 J120s at the regatta. Also, racing in PHRF A with *Meridian 2* are **Mike Robinson** (CYC, Kill Devil Hills), *Minor Threat*, Henderson 30 and **Kip Meadows** (NYCC, Rocky Mount, NC) *Roxanne*, Melges 32. It will be interesting to watch an Esse 850, *Esse*, sailed by APY in PHRF B, because we have one here in the southern Bay - *Psycho Tiller*, Pam Burdett. **Don Gray** (Mooresville, NC) *Bulldog*, Mt. Gay 30, will race in PHRF B too. No Virginia boats in the 14 boat J105 fleet, but **Worth Harris** (Raleigh, NC), *Rum at Six*, will be there. Three more

racers from the tarheel state will sail in PHRF C: **Jay Hood** (NYRA, Wilson), *Blueprint*; **Charles Douthit** (BSC, Raleigh), *Cotton Picker*; and, **Dwayne Furmidge** (CFYC, Wilmington), *Crescendo*. **Mark Brennesholtz** (BSC, Emerald Isle, NC) *Compass Rose* and **Ed Doughty** (BSC, Fayetteville, NC), *New York Times*, will sail in PHRF D. And, **Craig Wright** (NYRA, Raleigh), *After Thought*, will be in the J109 fleet. The regatta opens April 12, Thursday, and goes through Sunday, for these 21 southern Bay and beyond racers.

Looking for a ride? Looking for crew? Here are two great options for crew and skippers to get together. 1. Register (free) for **SpinSheet Magazine's crew listings** at www.spinsheet.com 2. Attend the **SpinSheet Crew Listing Party South, sponsored by SpinSheet and Marker 20**, at Marker 20, 21 East Queen's Way, Hampton, Saturday, April 28, 6-8 pm. Free and open to the sailing public.

RACER REMINDER: CCV ENTRY DEADLINES - If you have a CCV Racing Membership, you are automatically entered (provided you have a 2007 valid PHRF rating) in all the CCV races, except Southern Bay Race Week, which requires a separate entry and fees. All other racers, including CCV Club members, must enter the individual races or series. The deadline for entry in the CCV Spring Series races is the day before the day of the race(s). Spring Series racing dates are: April 22, April 29, and May 6.

MURPHY'S LAW: If the breezes are favorable for the Velux racers Sunday, they'll take off like scalded dawgs, like a racing beagle chasing a beer, like...well, you've got the idea. Better set those video cameras on *reeeeeeal fast!* /S/ *Murphy the Racing Beagle, the sailing spirit in us all.*

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