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Who are these people...and why? Today, this morning, right now, they are running in the Boston Marathon. Snow, 30 knot wind, and right on the nose - the real nose!

CCV SPRING SERIES: RACES #1 and #2, SUNDAY, April 22 - HAMPTON ROADS HARBOR. This is the beginning of the 15 race, season-long series which determines the CCV High Point Championship for each PHRF Fleet. These races are also sanctioned by CBYRA and earn points toward CBYRA High Point awards. Here we go! **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. **For info, contact John McCarthy at (757) 850-4225.**

VELUX 5 OCEANS RACE Re-Start will be re-scheduled. Horrible weekend weather kept the boats in port. Watch *SBRNYCU* for info.

TOMORROW, April 17, is IRS Day - don't forget to file you income taxes. There is no sailing at the "Big House".

An even dozen race boats showed up Saturday for the **CCV Tune-Up Races** in Hampton Roads Harbor. A strong current and no wind did not make for the best of racing conditions, but the day did provide a crew bonding and rust shaking opportunity. Looking especially good on the extremely light air day were **Phil Brigg's Feather**, J 36, and **Dave Taylor's Andrews 27**, *Wham Bam*, a newcomer to the fleet.

Gettin' started: At the Saturday Tune-Up Races, conditions allowed racers to practice a lot of boat handling skills. Mightily fighting the mighty current, **Ben Cuker's Callinectes** (means *crab*) perfected starting stern-first - she "crabbed" her way over the line.

WIKI WIKI Takes 1st Overall in "IN PORT": The regatta the Portsmouth Boat Club created to honor the Velux 5 Oceans Racers, came off in the Elizabeth River between the downtown waterfronts of Portsmouth and Hampton. Trophies were presented by event notables from past races, i.e. the Around the World Alone, and the BOC Challenge. **RESULTS:** Fleet A: 1.**Steve Wirt**, *Pleione* (J24); 2.**Kent Utley**, *Jezebel*, J/30; 3.**Mike Nestor**, *Glory Days*, Cal 39. Fleet B: 1.**Rodney Paice**, *Wiki Wiki*, Pearson 26; 2.**Nancy Kline**, *Tailspin*, Columbia 26; 3.**Don Wade**, *Tomcat*, O'Day 28.

Top Dog in Two Places ... at the same time! The **Christopher Newport University Sailing Team** experienced a racer's dream recently. The CNU racers took two first places the same weekend at two different regattas - one in Annapolis (hosted by University of Maryland) and one in Williamsburg (hosted by The College of William and Mary). At the Annapolis regatta, featuring 2-on-2 team racing, CNU sailors won 11 of 12 races. At the Colony Cup Regatta CNU trounced 8 other college teams, with a final team total of 19 points (CNU won 9 of 12 races). **Hampton University** finished well ahead of the remainder of the teams in 2nd place with 28 points. And, all of this racing happened on the April weekend that featured pithy winds and SNOW flurries!

ROXANNE takes 1st in Fleet at Charleston Race Week. Cut short of Sunday's racing by the nemesis no-name storm that fouled up weekend racing in the mid-Atlantic, CRW racers got in 6 races in fine fashion before

the early ending of the regatta. Racers were allowed one throw-out. In the 14 boat J105 fleet, **Worth Harris' Rum at Six**, lost a tie-breaker for top spot, posting 1-3-5-3-[5]-2. Also, finishing well (3rd) in J105 class was **Patrick Eudy's Big Booty**, one point out of the tie for first. In the PHRF A fleet (14 boats) **Kip Meadows' Melges 32, roXanne**, kicked the rest of the fleet, finishing 5 points ahead of the 2nd place boat. **Meridian, Sledd Shelhorse' Farr 36**, came away 5th in PHRF A. **Frank Silver's B-25, Phantom**, finished 2nd, one place out of 1st, of the 5 boat PHRF G fleet with a results string of 1-3-2-1-[4]-2. **Michael Jones (Outrageous)** and **Team Alston (Sweet Baby J)** took 2nd and 3rd respectively in the J/80 fleet (7 boats). And, finishing 3rd in the 16 boat PHRF D fleet (these were the Heavy Displacement boats), was **Ed Doughty's NY 40, New York Times**.

SOUTHERN BAY RACERS RACING NOOD: Today is the deadline for entries in the Annapolis NOODs (National Offshore One Design), set to run April 27-29. Those from the southern Bay and beyond who are already entered include **William Hope, Thin Ice, J/24**; **Dixon Wilde, Kingfisher, C&C 99**; **Martin Casey, Bow Movement, Catalina 27**; and, **Richard Winters**, along with **Ryan Parker** and **AJ Piccillo**, are entered in the J/22 fleet. And, least we forget, two boats coming off significant performances at Charleston Race Week, **Kip Meadows' Melges 32, roXanne**, and **Worth Harris' J105, Rum at Six**, will be at the NOODs too.

KEEL BOAT RACING LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES:

LEARN HOW TO CREW ON A RACING SAILBOAT: Offered by CCV, \$50 plus \$10 for books. **MAY 1-2, MAY 8-9, MAY 15-16, and MAY 22-23. Four consecutive Tuesday (classroom) and Wednesday (on the water on a race boat) sessions.** Classroom sessions are held at and on-the-water sessions originate at Hampton Yacht Club, 4707 Victoria Boulevard, Hampton, VA 23669. Classroom sessions are from 6:30pm - 8:30pm; on-the-water sessions begin at 5:15pm. This course runs through the month of May. For information and to register, contact Dave Taylor at (757) 344-5292.

LEARN TO RACE YOUR SAILBOAT: Offered by CCV, \$15 per skipper and \$10 per crew member (lunch included). **Saturday, May 5, (9:30am - 3:30pm). BYOB- "Bring Your Own Boat".** You drive your own boat with a volunteer seasoned skipper aboard to guide you and your crew. Shore-side and on-the-water training takes place at and near Hampton Yacht Club. For requirements, details, and to register contact Ben Cuker at (757) 727-5884. Registration deadline = April 30.

PBC Barnacle Cup Friday Night Races begin this week. Skipper's Meeting is Tuesday, TOMORROW, at 1830 hours. For info contact Bob Old at (757) 488-8083 or (757) 393-7109. This is another mid-week racing series in Hampton Roads that offers sailing and social opportunities and is good bang for the buck!

Yankee Point Yacht Club - Saturday, April 21. Spring Regatta.

Fishing Bay Yacht Club Opening - Saturday and Sunday, April 21-22. FBYC Spring Series #1 is set for Sunday.

MURPHY'S LAW: *Yrs Truly, the Racing Beagle*, wanted to go to the NOODs, but I was disqualified. Couldn't get NOOD because my permanent fur foulies won't come off. /S/ *Murphy the Racing Beagle, the sailing spirit in us all.*

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