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## **Southern Bay Racing News You Can Use # 344**

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**MOTHER'S DAY is Sunday, May 13 - Invite her to lunch, love her a bunch, and then..., take her sailing!**

**Yesterday it blew so hard it blew feathers off ospreys and scales off fish.** And, it blew away the final two races of **CCV Spring Series**. Morning wind readings of 33 knots gusting to 40 with the weather folk predicting higher as the day developed made the "no racing" decision a no brainer. So, the 2007 Spring Series standings stood as determined after 4 races. Here are the Series finals: **PHRF A:** (16 entered/10 sailed) 1. **David Eberwine**, *Sea Star* (1-2-2-1); 2. **Lloyd Griffin**, *Cash Flow* (2-1-1-4); 3. **Bob Mosby**, *Cyrano* (4-3-4-2). **PHRF B:** (11 entered/11 sailed) 1. **Dave McConaughy**, *White Boat* (1-3-1-1); 2. **Bob Archer/Chris Beahr**, *Bad Habit* (2-1-3-3); 3. **Rusty Burshell**, *Cool Change* (3-9-2-2). **PHRF C:** (9 entered/8 sailed) 1. **Mike Veraldi**, *Quicky* (2-1-2-3); 2. **Alan Bomar**, *Roundabout* (1-4-3-1); 3. **Bumps Eberwine**, *Spray* (5-2-4-4). **PHRF Non-Spin:** (9 entered/5 sailed) 1. **Rodney Paice**, *Wiki Wiki* (1-2-2-1); 2. **Harry Tenney**, *Margarita* (3-1-1-4); 3. **Don Barfield/Steve Smith**, *Checko* (2-4-4-2). PRO - John McCarthy; Official Timer/Scorer - Dick Boykin; Mark Boats - Glenn Giles, Tom and Jane Fowler, Bill Gibbings.

**SBRW-Black Seal Cup:** Time is drawing near for organizers to make fleet assignments, determine whether there will be sub-splits in large fleets, set up scoring databases, order food, drink, and trophies, and firm up arrangements for everything from docking to dancing. Racers can help by submitting entry forms and fees now, instead of waiting until the deadline. Entry form is available on the regatta website at [www.blacksealcup.com](http://www.blacksealcup.com) Remember, 6 great races and 4 great parties!

**To Fiddler's Green:** **Teddy Willcox** was known to southern Bay racers for his affection for his Hampton One-Design sailboat and the HOD class. He competed in regattas for more than 50 years. Edward Roane Willcox, Jr, 79, passed on Wednesday, May 2, while in the hospital in Norfolk. He will be missed and remembered by countless area racers whose lives he touched.

**Gary Jobson taps two southern Bay racers for his AC Dream Team:** In *Sailing World's* special *America's Cup Guide 2007*, Gary Jobson picks a dream team based on national criteria - like it used to be. In other words, Americans on the American entry, Italians on the Italian entry, etc. Several folks feel, and Jobson is one of them, that the de-nationalizing of the competition is a large part of the lack of excitement among the public regarding the AC. So, Gary picked his dream team and on the team are a couple of southern Bay homies. **Anna Tunicliff**, former ODU All-American, is his runner/pit assist and he tags Richmonder **Rob Erda** as his bowman. **Tyler Moore** sailed with Rob in college and remembers that Rob was "a quite good 505 crew and sailed [in] a couple of Worlds with sailing legend **Dave Dyson**". And, for skipper, Jobson picked someone whose name is synonymous with heartbreak for those who supported, financially and emotionally, the Hunt-Miller Olympic campaign in 470s. **Paul Foerster** just could not be overcome by the younger Hunt-Miller team and Jobson says the 43 year old engineer "...would be the perfect person to steer an America's Cup yacht."

**RACERS AND THE RULES QUIZ:** Where in the rule book, *The Racing Rules of Sailing*, does it state which flags and signal the race committee is required to use? (Answer below in this issue)

**What it was, was... bull riding!!** Well, if you tuned into the Versus Network last Monday afternoon expecting to see a tape of the Louis Vuitton Cup action, you got a surprise. Now, a lot of us know more about bull riding than we ever wanted to! Don't think there will be many sailors cross over to bull riding, though, or to the Versus Network at this rate. Hang in there, we are bound to see some sailing sooner or later. Was the bull's name Louis, or were they donating his hide to LV handbags when he passes on, or...?

**Brad Davis**, *Blade Runner*, took 1st in the 6th race of the **Fishing Bay Yacht Club Spring Series** on Saturday, but **Rob Whittet**, *Wavelength*, kept his grip on 1st overall in the PHRF A fleet. **Allan Heyward** stayed way out in front in the PHRF B/C fleet by driving *La Maga* to another first, ahead of **David Hinckle's** 2nd place *Elancer*. This FBYC series finishes up this coming Saturday, May 12. PRO - Brooks Zerkel

**"He floats through the air with the greatest of ease, the daring young man on the flying trapeze..."** Young men and young women will be flying around the race course next weekend at the **HYC Annual Trapeze Regatta, May 12 and 13**. This event is for 505s and HODs. The HODs sail only on Saturday. For info contact: Bob Thomas, (757) 898-9407

**Another southern Bay sailing knot tied in matrimony:** **Marty Steffens and Judy Moore** (*Riptide*, Colgate 26) were wed Saturday at HYC. The bride and groom pledged their love on the bow of **Buddy and Dariene DeRyder's** *Surf Ryder* at HYC before more than 100 friends and family. Congratulations!

**Join Omar the Tent Maker's Crew and Earn a Black Seal Cup Hat:** SBRW Event Chairman Leigh Morgan needs volunteers on Wednesday, May 30, to help pitch the SBRW party tent and on Monday, June 4, to take it down. Lots of people make it an easier task. If you come on Monday you get a regatta hat, plus you can add some diversity to your job skills resume! Call Leigh at (757) 726-9649 and sign on.

Commenting on the Versus Network mess-up, showing bull riding instead of sailboat racing, **Roy Tate** (*Sunrise*, Pearson 30), says he's pretty sure he knows the difference; "In one you get wet, and in the other you get dirty."

Adding to the ranks of babes with racing roots, **John William Dasch** has arrived! His proud poppa, **John Dasch**, is foredeck emeritus of the *Sugar Bear*, J33, crew, circa mid to late 90s.

**CAPE HENRY CUP - Saturday, May 19. CBYRA sanctioned race and the first race in the 2007 Chesapeake Bay Distance Racing Series. Open to all PHRF spinnaker and non-spinnaker classes. And, there is a Cruising class for non-PHRF racers.** This is a great, day long race in the southern Bay. The start area is off Buckroe Beach and the finish area is off Fort Monroe. The main course takes racers out the Chesapeake Channel entrance to the CBBT, rounds a mark off Lynnhaven Inlet, and returns to Fort Monroe via the Thimble Shoal Channel opening (27.4 nm). In case of inclement weather, race officials have an alternate course designed for Hampton Roads Harbor. For specific details, order of mark roundings, etc., see the NOR and Sailing Instructions. Entry fee is \$25. BBSA is the organizing authority. For info on the race, SI, and to enter, contact Scott Almond at (757) 471-2663. This is a change of pace race and has been a southern Bay favorite for years.

**Answer to RR Quiz Question:** The inside back cover of *The Racing Rules of Sailing* entitled "Race Signals" folds out and shows all flags and signals the race committee is required to use (and which the racers are required to follow) during a race. Here's another good reason to have THE RULE BOOK on THE BOAT!

**MURPHY'S LAW:** Flying along on a trapeze on a speedy dinghy creates a sailing sensation unparalleled by any other activity. Before you hang it all out, though, be aware that it is a fine line between Trapeze Artist and Tea Bag (as in *dunked*)! /S/ *Murphy the Racing Beagle, the sailing spirit in us all.*

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