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## **Southern Bay Racing News You Can Use # 345**

SBRNYCU is an independent weekly publication of southern Chesapeake Bay racing happenings. Founded in April, 2000.

**Put down your coffee and head for the tube - you may see America's Cup Louis Vuitton Cup racing today!**

**VERSUS TV COVERAGE OF THE 32ND AMERICA'S CUP:** You should check your VERSUS channel this morning - 0830. But, do not bet your ranch, and certainly not your boat, that the coverage of the Louis Vuitton Cup will be there - intergalactic steer wrestling, maybe. That said, however, Cox Cable has published that LV Cup coverage will run TODAY, Monday (RACE 1), Tuesday (RACE 2), Wednesday (Race 3), Friday (RACE 4) and Saturday (RACE 5). The times for each day are 8:30am-11am; noon -2:30pm, and 4:30pm - 7:00pm Or, if you are internet savvy, go to the Versus website, [www.versus.com](http://www.versus.com) and see if you can muck around enough to get their internet stuff.

**AMTHOR/ROMEY and WHEELER/GARRENTON win Trapeze Fleets:** Racing 505s this weekend in the annual Trapeze Regatta hosted by Hampton Yacht Club, **Henry Amthor and Dustin Romey** handily topped their competition while **Mark Wheeler and Graham Garrenton** won the Hampton One Design fleet. RESULTS: 505: 1. Amthor/Romey (17); 2. Tyler Moore/Simon Gerson (29); 3. Chris/Tripp Behm (33); 4. Chris Rasmussen/Dave Tunnicliff (33); 5. Mike Renda/Charles Smith/Tom Lewin (34); 6. Dave Burchfield/Bret Baker (44). HOD: 1. Wheeler/Garrenton (7); 2. Gordon/Eddie Wolcott (10); 3. Trevor Pardee Jr/Rachael Blake (16); 4. Leigh/Dave Chapman (20); 5. Scott Wolff/John Sawyer (22) PRO: Bob Thomas.

**Only 17 days 'til SOUTHERN BAY RACE WEEK ! Race for the Black Seal Cup. Check-in and skippers meeting - Thursday, May 31. Racing Friday - Saturday - Sunday, June 1-3.** Entry form available at event website [www.blacksealcup.com](http://www.blacksealcup.com) For info contact event chairman Leigh Morgan Chapman (757) 726-9649. Time is short. Get your entry forms and fees in - mail to Morgan Johnson at 121 Hanover Avenue, Hampton, VA 23661. Avoid the late fee (\$50) by entering NLT, Friday, May 25. *Remember - 6 great races - 4 great parties!*

**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. This is a change of pace race and has been a southern Bay favorite for years. **NOTE: PRO Scott Almond says the Sailing Instruction is posted at the BBSA website - [www.broadbaysailing.org](http://www.broadbaysailing.org)** click on "download" in left column, then PHRF SIs; then Cape Henry Cup SI. OR, for info on the race, SI, and to enter, contact Scott Almond at (757) 471-2663.

The famous BBSA Pot Luck Supper - Cape Henry Cup Awards Presentation will be Tuesday, May 22 at the ODU Sailing Center. The race is a "change of pace" and so is this traditional prize giving event.

There's a couple of Georgians coming to SOUTHERN BAY RACE WEEK. Two Elliott 770 skippers, **Paul Swanson** (Gainesville) and **Chuck Weaver** (Cumming), will be heading to Virginia to take on Southern Bay Elliott 770 skipper Greg Cutter (*Gremlyn*).

The HOD Trapeze Regatta winners, **Mark Wheeler and Graham Garrenton** demonstrated "bi-partisanship" in the racing world. In big boats, Mark sails in the *Meridian* (Shelhorse, PHRF A) afterguard and Graham is on the

point-y end. And, they got along fine on the little HOD.

**Southern Bay Laser Racers Shine - Kevin Shockey is 2nd and Henry Amthor takes 3rd overall in the District 11 Laser Championship Regatta.** The District 11 championship drew 57 competitors, got in 3 races on Saturday, and like a lot of events Sunday, May 6, was blown out by gale force winds. Here's how our Laser Beams did: **2.Kevin Shockey** (ODU) - 2-3-8-; **3.Henry Amthor** (HYC) - 5-12-3-; **8.John Shockey** (ODU) - 4-10-11; **16.Jon Deutsch** (FBYC) - 18-11-30; **34.Alain Vincey** - (FBYC) - 36-28-35.

**National Hospice Regatta Alliance Championship: Chuck Monsees** (*Rockette*, PHRF A) and his team from the Pamlico River Hospice Regatta made it into the championship round Sunday to finish 9th overall (23 competitors; 12 boats in championship round). The competitors from Hospice Regattas around the country sailed J105s in Annapolis this past weekend. Two other teams representing southern Bay and beyond area Hospice Regattas were Joe Waters (Turkey Shoot Regatta, Rap Riv) and Mike Veraldi (Greater Hampton Roads).

**How foggy was it?** Two Wednesdays ago it was pretty darned foggy in Hampton Roads. Drivers crossing the HRBT claimed they could not see the water. Wednesday Night racers at Little Creek and Hampton claim they sailed in the fog...but, *nobody saw them*. However, some claim to have heard them, as one or more thumped into the sand bars! Ripley's Believe it or Not has not yet sanctioned the claim.

**BLACKBEARD'S FIREWORKS**, Saturday, June 2, will be an added attraction for SBRW racers, friends, and families. The fireworks are part of the grand Blackbeard Pirate Festival, which will take over downtown Hampton during the SBRW weekend. The Festival is a brief walk from SBRW headquarters at Hampton Yacht Club.

**Anna Cobb Matchett** was absent from the HOD racing Saturday. She and husband Ben have moved (courtesy the USAF) to Texas.

**Don't forget: Rappahannock River Spring Regatta** coming this Saturday, May 19th. And, **Portsmouth Boat Club, Merrimac Memorial Regatta**, May 26, contact Fred Bilskis (757) 484-9654 or Rodney Paice (757) 971-0202.

**Bring your party shoes! SCREWPILE 2007** party entertainment will be first class. Two very popular bands are coming to the post-race parties. On Sunday night, **The 25th Hour Band**, known for great music and great times in southern Maryland, Baltimore, Annapolis, northern Virginia, and beyond, will provide the boogie tunes. Then, on Monday night, coming out of Virginia Beach, **The CalypsoNuts**, take over the stage. This group is in demand, averaging 280 shows per year. The entertainment, coupled with the new, post-race party site at the waterside courtyard of the headquarters hotel (Holiday Inn Select, Solomons), makes dancin' shoes almost as important as sailing shoes. Pack 'em both... and plan to wear 'em out! For info go to the event web site at [www.screwpile.com](http://www.screwpile.com) or [www.splc.us](http://www.splc.us) 2007 Screwpile Lighthouse Challenge - July 22nd, 23rd, and 24th.

**[Shark] Fins to the left - [Shark] Fins to the right - Sail the Bay and the Shark Midwinters** all set for this coming weekend off of First Landing Seashore State Park in Virginia Beach. For info contact Jean or Jerry Pattenau at (757) 543-3029.

**MURPHY'S LAW:** I sure like the looks of this week's Louis Vuitton Cup TV racing schedule. I see pancakes and milk bones each morning; burgers and squirrel chips for lunch; and pizza and brewskis for dinner. All with sailboats racing around on the big screen. My spot on the sofa is reserved! /S/ *Murphy the Racing Beagle, the sailing spirit in us all.*

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