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

Only 9 days 'til check-in at 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 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 THIS FRIDAY, May 25. Remember - 6 great races - 4 great parties!**

MERIDIAN 2 wins CAPE HENRY CUP; GRACEFUL, BOO NASTY, MARGARITA, and NEPENTHE are fleet winners. On Saturday, 42 boats struck out in a perfect breeze racing for the Cape Henry Cup, sponsored by Broad Bay Sailing Association. PHRF A fleet sailed a 27.40 nm course and all other fleets sailed 20.30 nm. The first boat to finish crossed the line in under 4 hours and the last in over 9 hours. Most racers finished in mid-afternoon. So, the first race of the BBSA administered Chesapeake Bay Distance Racing Series is in the books. Next up in the CBDRS is CCV's Not Smith Point on July 29. Cape Henry Cup RESULTS: PHRF A: 1. **Sledd Shelhorse**, *Meridian 2*, Farr 36; 2. **Christian Schaumlöffel**, *Mirage*, Hobie 33; 3. **Ed Whitmore**, *Ticket To Ride*, Swan. PHRF B: 1. **Bob Beck**, *Graceful*, Gran Soliel 39; 2. **Graham Field**, *Independence*, Islander 36; 3. **Dave Nichol**, *Pelican*, Cal 33-2. PHRF C: 1. **Dave Bettis**, *Boo Nasty*, Ranger 33; 2. **Martin Casey**, *Bow Movement*, Catalina 27; 3. **Carey Hardesty**, *Lona*, S2 7.9; PHRF Non-SPIN: 1. **Harry Tenney**, *Margarita*, Roberts 43; 2. **Frank Stewart**, *Resurgence*, Beneteau 405; 3. **Tom Peddy**, *Impulse*, Catalina 34. Cruising: 1. **Jim Lant**, *Nepenthe*; 2. **Leland Simmons**, *Cygnets*. PRO: Scott Almond.

The famous BBSA Pot Luck Supper - Cape Henry Cup Awards Presentation will be tomorrow, Tuesday, May 22 at the ODU Sailing Center. For info, contact Scott Almond at (757) 471-2663.

America's Cup Update: **Ken Saylor**, southern Bay sailmaker (North Sails) and racer, was "on the scene" in Valencia immediately prior to the start of the Louis Vuitton Cup semifinals. Kenny has lots of "tales to tell" about Valencia and the racing. He commented on how narrow the AC boats' hulls are as compared to how wide the heads of the mains are. Picture this - the head of the square-headed main extends beyond the beam of the boat. Meanwhile, over the weekend, the *BMW Oracle* boat (Larry Ellison, Chris Dickson, et al) melted down under *Prada-Luna Rossa* pressure and was eliminated in the LVC semifinals. So, on June 1, the challenger finals begin, with *Luna Rossa* taking on either *Emirates Team New Zealand* or *Desafio Espanol* (LR leads this series 4 to 2, the first boat to have 5 wins moves on).

Here's the NOAA/NOS PORTS number - 1-866-247-6787 - it's a free call and you can get all kinds of up to date info for southern (and northern) Bay locations, i.e. metrological info, tides, wind speed, water temp, etc.

On May 14 at approximately 0330, **Schooner Heron went down in the Chesapeake and Delaware Canal** after a head-on collision with a barge and tug. *Heron*, her owner, **Robert Pulsch**, and crew are well know to southern Bay sailors through her participation in the annual Great Chesapeake Bay Schooner Race. According to news accounts the schooner went down instantly, smashed by the barge, and it is described as a "miracle" that all on board, Robert, 73, and his two adult daughters, were saved. Pulsch completed restoration of *Heron* in 2002. *Heron* was a 1911 Crowninshield schooner. At the time of the accident she was on her way from her winter quarters in Maryland to her home port in Atlantic Highlands.

MERRIMAC MEMORIAL REGATTA - Saturday, May 26 - hosted by Portsmouth Boat Club. \$10 entry fee which includes two lunch tickets. Skippers Meeting at 0900 on race day. Racing is on the Western Branch of the

Elizabeth River and the Start/Finish Line is just off Portsmouth City Park. Post-race festivities (\$5 donation per person) include holiday picnic fare in the adjacent picnic area. PBC says they have limited camping space available for out-of-town racers at their clubhouse (contact Fred Bilskis at 757-484-9654 to make resses). Eligible classes include all Portsmouth rated boats 22 feet or smaller. This event has become a great start-of-the-summer holiday event. For info contact Fred Bilskis at (757) 484-9654 or Rodney Paice at (757) 971-0202.

BBSA Little Bay Small Boats open Tuesday Night racing in Willoughby Bay (aka Little Bay) one week from tomorrow on Tuesday, May 29. For info contact Race Coordinator Emory Nemeth (757) 549-1788, or Jerry Pattenaude (757) 543-3029.

A whole bunch of collegiate women sailors will be in Norfolk this week - Old Dominion University is hosting the ICSA Women's Dinghy National Championship, May 23 - May 25, Wednesday - Friday. There are 18 teams entered, and of special interest to southern Bay racers, along with host ODU, will be St. Mary's College, Georgetown University, USNA, and College of Charleston. Racing will begin at noon on Wednesday, and at 0945 on Thursday and Friday. The regatta will be sailed out of the ODU Sailing Center - Norfolk campus waterfront - sailing area will be located on the Elizabeth River. This is one of those "spectator boat" opportunities that can be really fun. Drag out the runabout, crank up the engine on the sailboat, or find the kayak paddle and get out there. This is really good racing and great fun to watch.

When the **Flying Scot North Americans** come to Fishing Bay in June, the FBYC FS racing contingent will be ready. Big Ernie (Quantum Sails) and Greg Fisher (North Sails) have both given clinics to the local fleet. Twenty Scots participated in the FBYC regular spring series.

JUNE EVENTS for SOUTHERN BAY RACERS:

Jun 1 - 3	Fri-Sun	SOUTHERN BAY RACE WEEK for the Black Seal Cup
Jun 1	Fri	start of the Annapolis to Newport
Jun 9	Sat	Harborfest Hometowne Regatta (PBC)
Jun 9	Sat	June Long Distance Race (FBYC)
Jun 16	Sat	Hampton Roads Hospice Regatta (HYC)
Jun 16	Sat	York River Cup (YRYC)
Jun 16	Sat	Singlehand Race (YPYC)
Jun 22-23	Fri-Sat	Cock Island Race (PBC-City of Portsmouth)
Jun 24-27	Sun-Wed	Flying Scot North American Championship (FBYC)
Jun 24	Sun	Women's Race (YPYC)
Jun 30	Sat	Executive Cup (Christopher Newport Sailing Foundation)
Jun 30	Sat	Moonlight Regatta (FBYC)
Jul 6-8	Fri-Sun	Annual Southern Chesapeake Leukemia Cup Regatta

The **Southern Bay Brigade is forming for SCREWPILE 2007.** So far, 10 crew and skippers will be heading north to race in the annual Bay-wide showdown regatta. Here's who from the southern Bay is signed in so far: **Jake and Pat Brodersen**, *Midnight Mistress* (Hampton); **Brad Miller**, *Schiehallion* (Fishing Bay); **Sledd Shelhorse**, *Meridian 2* (Hampton); **Bumps and David Eberwine**, *Sea Star* (Hampton); **Lissenden/Krush/Birch**, *Voodoo 2* (Fishing Bay); **Dennis Hannick**, *Radio Flyer* (Dalhgren); **David Clark**, *Corryvreckean* (Fishing Bay); **Brad Davis**, *Blade Runner* (Fishing Bay); **Lloyd Griffin**, *Cash Flow* (Outer Banks); **Greg Cutter**, *Gremlyn* (Hampton). Screwpile Lighthouse Challenge, July 22, 23, 24. www.screwpile.net or www.splc.us

MURPHY'S LAW: Two of my favorite regattas are Southern Bay Race Week and Screwpile. I have already reserved my spot under the beer truck at SBRW. As far as Screwpile, I am procuring a 50 foot tether to reach from my pool float to the beverage tank along which can be secured an appropriate sized tube to serve as a straw. Oh... where are my shades? /S/ *Murphy the Racing Beagle, the sailing spirit in us all.*

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