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Today is Memorial Day. Thank you to those who did once and those who still do "stand on the wall" for us.

" 'The time has come,' the Walrus said, to talk of many things: Of shoes ...and ships...and sealing wax...Of cabbages ...and kings... And why the sea is boiling hot... And whether pigs have wings.' " So too has the time come to decide which are the best of the best in the southern Chesapeake Bay. **Southern Bay Race Week racing starts Friday, June 1.** For info or late registration, contact event organizer Leigh Morgan at (757) 726-9649 or go to the web at www.blacksealcup.com More than 80 boats are expected - be one of them. *SBRW - 6 great races, 4 great parties!* [*The Walrus and The Carpenter* by Lewis Carroll]

It was a clear struggle for folks heading to Urbanna, Saturday, via the Race to Urbanna (from Fishing Bay). Somebody forgot to turn on the wind machine. The race officials shortened the course, but even then it took some racers close to six hours to cover the 5.8 miles to the shortened finish line. And, that was before they actually headed up Rapp River! Racing on the Rappahannock on Sunday was abandoned, again because of lack of wind. Saturday's RESULTS: PHRF A: 1. **Leroi Lissenden, Voodoo** 2; 2. **Rob Whittet, Wavelength**; 3. **Paul Cross, Battlegon**. PHRF B/C: 1. **Jerry Latell, Old School**; 2. **Eric Powers, Neried**; 3. **Miles Booth, Shenanigan**. PHRF Non-Spin: 1. **George Burke, Revielle**; 2. **Ric Bauer, Desperado**; 3. **Doug Anderson, Dandelion**. J105: 1. **Brad Davis, Blade Runner**, 2. **Karns/Moyer, 11th Hour**. PRO: Brooks Zerkel.

Small world for southern Bay young racers: David Gundlach, the younger, was in Valencia, Spain, getting an eyeful of the Louis Vuitton Cup boats, when he heard a familiar voice, which belonged to **Derby Anderson**, who was working there as an ESPN intern.

BLUEWATER RACING: Southern Bay racer, **Jan Brandt, Rafiki** sailing as *ER Tape*, is entered in the **2007 Bermuda One-Two**. This is a single-hand / double-hand race; Newport to Bermuda (singlehand leg) and Bermuda to Newport (doublehand leg). Things get underway June 9 from Newport, RI. **Frank Gazioch** will crew with Jan on the return leg.

The *Rockette* gang has arrived from Elizabeth City at SBRW headquarters with trademark yellow truck and boat. No sooner had **Chuck Monsees** and team gotten the J/29 rigged than they were on the water and "gone sailing" yesterday. Good to have 'em back. Also at SBRW from North Carolina are **Lloyd Griffin's Cash Flow**, and **Pete Hunter's Wairere**.

Old friends **Andi and Rob Overton** dropped by their old Hampton Roads stomping grounds last week. Rob helped officiate the ODU Women's Collegiate National Championships while they were here. Rob is a long standing member of the US SAILING Racing Rules Committee and had a *whooooooooole* lot to do with the major revision of the RRS in 2000.

Portsmouth Boat Club hosted 29 boats with skippers and crew at the **ANNUAL MERRIMAC MEMORIAL REGATTA**. Rodney Paice reports the wind was perfect at the venue, just off Portsmouth City Park, and all went well. RESULTS: LASER: 1. **Steve Wirt**; 2. **James Collins**; 3. **James Hardesty**. FORCE 5: 1. **James Shook**; 2. **Mike Austin**; 3. **Jonathan Austin**. MOTH: 1. **Mike Parsons**; 2. **Joe Bousquet**; 3. **John Claytor**. OPEN MONO-FLEET: 1. **John Meyer** (Sunfish); 2. **Jerry Thompson** (Mutineer); 3. **Steve Spratt** (Capri 14). OPEN MULTIHULL

FLEET: 1. **Dan Berger** (Hobie F14); 2. **Jim Basnight** (A Class Cat); 3. **Kevin Baum** (A Class Cat).

"ALL THAT" will provide live music for the **B-I-G PARTY on Saturday night of Southern Bay Race Week**. The band is sponsored by TowneBank. Throw those dancin' shoes in your "stuff bag". High heel sneakers are permitted. **DAVE CARTER**, a favorite post-race party "music man" in the Hampton Roads area will provide live entertainment Friday night. Then, on Sunday, Quantum Sail Design, Hampton, will provide free Quantum Dogs at the final awards presentations ceremony. For regatta event schedule and party and food and drink opportunities check out the website at www.blacksealcup.com

Fishing Bay Yacht Club hosts the **June Long Distance Race, Saturday, June 9**. CBYRA sanctioned event for PHRF classes as well as a cruising class for non-PHRF boats. For info contact event chairman Lud Kimbrough at (804) 327-9028.

SOUTHERN BAY RACING JUNIORS: The Virginia State Junior Championships are all set for Saturday, June 23, at Fishing Bay Yacht Club. This regatta is open to all junior sailors. Optimist, 420, Laser, and Laser Radial racers are invited. There WILL be a separate Optimist Green Fleet. Get the details and get registered at the FBYC website www.fbyc.net

TOMORROW IT BEGINS: BBSA Little Bay Small Boats open Tuesday Nights racing in Willoughby Bay (aka Little Bay) on Tuesday, May 29. For info contact Race Coordinator Emory Nemeth (757) 549-1788, or Jerry Pattenaude (757) 543-3029.

Remember, for southern Bay racers the first two weekends in June are double the fun. Hard on the heels of SBRW (this coming weekend) is the **HARBORFEST HOMETOWNE REGATTA, June 9 (Saturday), hosted by Portsmouth Boat Club**. This is a CBYRA sanctioned event, open to all PHRF Fleets and also offering a Cruising Fleet. Skippers Meeting is Thursday, June 7, 7:00pm at Portsmouth Boat Club. The post-race social (awards presentation) is always a first-class social opportunity - PBC is at the head of the class when it comes to "good ole" southern hospitality. Entry fee is \$30 (\$25 for USSA members) and includes T-shirt and 6 wrist bands. For entry and other info, contact event organizer Larry Bryant at (757) 484-4966 or do on line registration at the PBC website www.portsmouthboatclub.org This race is always a fun event and this year it happens right in the midst of Harborfest and Sail Virginia (all those tall ships) activity.

The GOSLING GIRLS, as in Gosling's Black Seal Cup, are going to be at Southern Bay Race Week this coming weekend. Word is they know their rum and they know their racers! So... get to know them! This will be fun.

MURPHY'S LAW: So..., I see there were Hobie Cats and A-Cats in the area Saturday. Wish I'd known. I could have introduced the Murphy Dog 3 foot mono-hull! /S/ *Murphy the Racing Beagle, the sailing spirit in us all.*

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