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

**INCENTIVE 1st overall in the New Years Race:** Louie Lewis, in his O'Day 27, *Incentive*, was the first of 16 boats racing to cross the finish line in the **2008 New Years Madness Race**, hosted jointly by Old Point Comfort Yacht Club and Hampton Yacht Club. The event is a pursuit (staggered start) race, where the slower handicapped boats start first. The light blue 27-footer built an early lead and held it to finish just 43 seconds ahead of the second place overall boat, **Michael Turner's Cats' Paw**, an Islander 44. Turner, in an exciting finish for 2nd, inched out the 3rd place finisher, **Christian Schaumlöffel** in his Hobie 33, *Mirage*, by one second. Within the overall fleet finishes, class winners were: Class A - *Mirage*, Hobie 33, **Christian Schaumlöffel** (3rd overall); Class B - *Callinectes*, Cal 3-30, **Ben Cuker** (5th overall); Class C - *Incentive*, O'Day 27, **Louie Lewis** (1st overall); Non-Spin - *Lively Lady*, Morgan 42, **Dave Lively** (8th overall); and, Cruising Class - *Cats' Paws*, Island Packet 44, **Michael Turner** (2nd overall). Event Chairman - Dennis Miner; Official Starter - Glenn Giles; Official Finisher - Bob Williamson.

**ANNA TUNNICLIFFE - US SAILING SPORTSWOMAN OF THE YEAR!** US SAILING says about our former ODU All-American, "Laser Radial sailor Anna Tunnicliffe has had a year of stellar success, which when factored against all other racers competing in this single-handed dinghy class has made Tunnicliffe the **number-one ranked Laser Radial sailor in the world in 2007**...Tunnicliffe has been a member of the US Sailing Team since 2005." Anna will be sailing for the USA in the Olympics in China this summer. And, Anna has been nominated for the [yet to be named] US SAILING Rolex Yachtswomen of the Year.

**PHRF FLEET SPLITS MEETING SET FOR MONDAY, JANUARY 7, 6:30 pm.** PHRF members from **Region 4 SOUTH** are invited to attend this PHRF delegates meeting, the singular objective of which is to determine the fleet splits for use in 2008 in Region 4 SOUTH. Attendees may offer comment and discussion; only the delegates from the South Division clubs will actually vote on the splits proposals. As racers this is your chance for input. Let the delegate (s) of your club(s) know where you stand. Make sure you will be represented at this important meeting. Come yourself if you can. Now is the time to speak out. Clubs and their PHRF delegates in the South Division of Region 4 are: **BBSA (Randy Pugh); CCV (Bob Thomas); HYC (Chris Johnson); NYCC (Ron Primm); OPCYC (Dennis Miner); PBC (Bob Old); LYC, OBSA, PRYC, SYC, YRYC, UNAFLS (all represented by Mike Dale as VP of Region 4).** The meeting will be held in Meeting Room B at the Hampton Public Library, 4207 Victoria Boulevard, Hampton. (That's a couple blocks down from the cannon at HYC). Get there early to get a good seat!

**STEVEN HUNT INFLUENCING YOUNG SAILORS:** Of the 7 named to the national **JUNIOR ALL-STARS** list, two mention southern Bay homie **Steven Hunt** as especially important to their success. The Junior All-Stars list is primarily for sailors between 14 and 17 years old. Steven is a high school sailing coach in San Diego and two of his team, **Caleb Paine** (16) and **Jake LaDow** (14), are among the 7 honored on the list.

Brothers **Steve and Dave Taylor** pooled resources and brain cells yesterday in the 2008 New Years Madness Race. Dave and his crew, who usually sail on *Wham Bam*, decided to throw in with Steve and his crew on the larger, warmer, and definitely dryer, *Insolvent* for the race. And, they did just fine - finished 5th overall.

From the northern Bay area comes news of the passing of sailmaker and owner of Potomac Sailmakers, **Jack Wong**. There is a piece on Jack in the January issue of *SpinSheet Magazine*. He had been around the Chesapeake and sailing for a long time and will be missed by many.

The 33rd running of the **Ft Lauderdale to Key West Race** starts on Wednesday, January 16th. Last year southern Bay racers, **Sledd Shelhorse and the crew of *Meridian*** won the Bolero Trophy which is awarded to the first PHRF boat to finish. To date, there are 50 entries for the 2008 edition of this reach-lovers event. As far as southern Bay and beyond boats go, there is only one entry, *Teamwork* (Robin Team's J/122, from Lexington, North Carolina). There are two other Chesapeake Bay boats (Annapolis) entered - **David and Sandra Askew's** J/120, *Flying Jenny V*, and **Bruce Gardner's** Beneteau 34, *L'outrage*. Both *Teamwork* and *L'outrage* will stay in Key West for KWRW.

**2008 CBYRA REGION 4 SCHEDULE IS READY:** The "big boat" racing schedule is ready, thanks to the diligent work of 30-some southern Bay yacht club, sailing association, and event representatives (and all the people with whom each of them worked). So, if you want the 2008 schedule, contact your club's racing rep. Or, if you like, email *SBRNYCU* at [mcbear@earthlink.net](mailto:mcbear@earthlink.net), on the subject: line put "**I need the 2008 Racing Schedule**", and you'll get the whole schedule by return email.

**Jeff Rogers** (OPCYC) announced yesterday that the name of the New Years Madness Race will be changed in 2009 to honor **Dana Dillon**, a southern Bay racer who passed away last summer. Rogers said Dana was one of the founders of the race and instrumental in establishing a first-of-the-year event in the Hampton Roads area. Dana was a member of both OPCYC and HYC, co-organizers of the event.

**Southern Bay Racers Headed for KEY WEST RACE WEEK:** In January the place to be, either actually or virtually, for most racers is Key West Race Week (Jan 21 - 25). The most fortunate of us will be heading down soon; the sooner you head for KWRW is directly proportional to how smart you are. The *Meridian 2* bunch, skipper **Sledd Shelhorse**, will be sailing the school-bus-yellow Farr 36 in the PHRF 1 Class. **Bob Fleck**, from Front Royal, VA, will have his S2 7.9, *Horizon*, in one of the PHRF classes too. Three boats with familiar names on the southern Bay, coming out of North Carolina, are headed south - *Wairere*, Thompson 30, **Pete Hunter**, from Kill Devil Hill, NC, and, from Beaufort, NC, *Rum at Six*, J/105, Worth Harris, and *Teamwork*, J/122, **Robin Team**. *Teamwork* will race IRC and *Rum* in the J/105 one-design class. *Wairere*, winner of the 2007 Southern Bay Race Week, will be in PHRF 1. Get ready to cross up fingers, toes, and whatever else for our southern Bay and beyond boats.

**JANUARY CALENDAR:** If we can't go racing, at least we can think about it!

<b>January 7</b>	Monday	Region 4 (South Division) PHRF Fleet Splits Meeting - see item above
<b>January 14</b>	Monday	Registration opens for 2008 NEWPORT - BERMUDA RACE <a href="http://www.BermudaRace.com">www.BermudaRace.com</a>
<b>January 16</b>	Wednesday	Start of Fort Lauderdale to Key West Race
<b>January 21</b>	Monday	Acura Key West Race Week opens
<b>January 25</b>	Friday	Acura Key West Race Week closes
<b>February 2</b>	Saturday	Murphy Goes Racing - see item below - info, (757) 850-4225

**SBRNYCU MURPHY GOES RACING - 2008: "Going Faster - It's All About the People" February 2, 2008, hosted by Broad Bay Sailing Association at the Old Dominion University Sailing Center (Norfolk).** The fee, \$35 (\$25 for accompanying family member), includes morning refreshments, lunch, and all clinic materials including the course workbook. **Register by calling (757) 850-4225, or by email to [mcbear@earthlink.net](mailto:mcbear@earthlink.net) (include your name, address, and phone number and on the subject: line put MURPHY CLINIC).** Course instructor, John McCarthy, will cover a variety of topics including Skipper-Crew Communication, Crew Recruitment, Training, and Retention, Reaching Techniques, The Dreaded Double-Headsail, and more. This clinic is ideal for both skippers and people who crew. Pre-registration is required.

**MURPHY'S LAW:** Lots of boatyards are now offering shrink wrapping for sailboats. It can be price-y, but... a clean, dry hull is a lighter, faster hull. *Yrs Truly, The Racing Beagle*, is taking bids on a shrink-wrap job for this personal hull. I'm looking to lighten up and shrink down from beer barrel to pony keg size! /S/ *Murphy the Racing Beagle, the sailing spirit in us all.*

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