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

**The warning signal for the Lauderdale to Key West Race goes up tomorrow afternoon, Jan 16. Acura Key West Race Week starts in less than a week, on Monday, Jan 21st. Thinkaboutit. Here comes the 2008 racing season!**

**PHRF SPLITS update:** A week ago (January 7) PHRF delegates from the SOUTH DIVISION of the southern Bay met to consider two proposals for changes in the 2007 fleet splits for 2008. The meeting was open to all PHRF members. No decision was made as of the close of the meeting. The splits will be determined by the delegates. Change or not to change and, if to change, to what to change... all have ramifications. The delegates are working on it, but there is no white smoke from the chimney yet.

**Santana 20 One Design Fleet - Gettin' ready:** Right now there are 5 solid Santanas (and maybe more) ... The fleet, just organized last year under the leadership and tenacity of John Ritter (Langley Yacht Club), is getting beyond the winter "hot stove" level. Here's who the current players are: **John Henley**, *Brat*, races at the Daingerfield Island Sailing Club (DISC) in DC and Yankee Point YC on the Rappahannock; **Dwight Timm**, *Silver Fox*, also out of Yankee Point and recently rumored to have become a PHRF handicapper; **Ruth Bush and husband Ed**, *Ruthless*, another Yankee Point boat; **Craig Ekman**, *OPFOR* (that means Opposing Forces) also out of DISC; and, **John Ritter**, *Temeraire*, out of Langley YC and familiar in the PHRF C fleet on the southern Bay. And, the southern Bay S-20 fleet is tracking down new arrivals in the area and even stays in touch with an inactive Santana 20 owner, Bob Blundy, in Columbia, SC. For these boats, location is not always a problem - there are those things they call "trailers".

**US SAILING Judges Clinic - February 9-10, Saturday and Sunday, at Hampton Yacht Club.** Cost = \$65, includes breakfast and lunch for both days. This clinic meets part of the requirements to become a US SAILING certified judge. It is NOT a rules clinic. It is open to anyone interested in learning about protest procedures, etc. For details on registration and information, contact Dave Pyron at (757) 593-4876. Registration will close February 1.

**SCHOCK-ing!** Newcomer on the southern Bay, recently re-located from Alexandria to Hartfield (just up the road a piece from Deltaville/Fishing Bay), **Don Deese** owns and intends to race two W.D.Schock Wavelength -24s. Keep an eye out for *Shockwave* and *Ghost Dancer*.

**Cruising Class Racers - special for you:** Officials have announced that ALL CCV races, will have a start for Cruising Class racers. And, if the Cruising racer is a Club Member of CCV (\$25 = total Club membership dues for the year), entry in all CCV races (except Southern Bay Race Week) will be...FREE. The message here, is, "Try it, you'll like it!" For additional info on the CCV Cruising Class, contact John McCarthy at (757) 850-4225.

**Bluewater Racers** - Registration for the 2008 Newport-Bermuda Race opened yesterday, Jan 14. Check for details at the event website - [www.BermudaRace.com](http://www.BermudaRace.com) NOTE: The Safety at Sea Seminars are in Bermuda (Feb 2-3) and in Newport (March 8-9)

**MURPHY'S LAW:** *Yrs Truly, The Racing Beagle*, is home from Florida. Baked off hundreds of calories on the beach... and put on thousands of calories in the St. Pete pubs! Life IS good! /S/ *Murphy the Racing Beagle, the sailing spirit in us all.*

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