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KEY WEST RACE WEEK OPENS TODAY! Keep a watch on southern Bay boats *Meridian* (**Sledd Shelhorse**), *Horizon* (**Bob Fleck**), *Wairere* (**Pete Hunter**), *Teamwork* (**Robin Team**), and *Rum at Six* (**Worth Harris**) at the event website www.premiere-racing.com You do have a privacy screen on your office computer, don't you??

This past year the southern Bay was graced with some wonderful visiting racers. One of them has been named **Rolex Yachtsman of the Year**. **Jeff Linton** won the Flying Scot North American Championship, hosted by Fishing Bay Yacht Club in June, and the Classic Moth National Championship at Elizabeth City, NC, this past September. Rubbing elbows with the very best in the sport is always a good thing. By the way, Jeff is 45 years old and often sails with his wife Amy. In 2007 he "owned" the Lightning Class, too - won the Lightning Worlds, South American, and Winter Championships. Yikes!

Two Chesapeake Bay boats (Annapolis) collected a trophy *on their way to* Key West Race Week. *Flying Jenny V*, J120 owned by **David and Sarah Askew**, and *L'outrage*, Beneteau 34, skippered by **Bruce Gardner**, each finished 3rd in fleet in the 2008 Lauderdale to Key West Race.

MURPHY GOES RACING - 2008, The Murphy Clinic is FULL, registration is closed. - The popular annual *Southern Bay Racing News You Can Use* racing clinic, "Murphy Goes Racing" is full 2 weeks ahead of its scheduled date, Feb 2nd. "BBSA is hosting this year's clinic at the ODU Sailing Center and we have maxed out their capacity," John McCarthy, clinic presenter and organizer, said. "I wish we could squeeze everyone in, but we are just plain out of room." Info: (757) 850-4225, mcbear@earthlink.net

Doyle Sails puts the grab on Hampton Roads sailmakers **Jim Miller and Eddie Williams**. Miller's loft, located in Hampton on Kecoughtan Road, was previously associated with Quantum Sails.

Joyon Brakes Ellen's Record: **Francis Joyon** has broken the singlehand, 'round the world, non-stop, speed record by 14 days, 44 minutes and 27 seconds. He reclaimed the record from **Ellen MacArthur**. Joyon sailed a 97 foot trimaran and took 57 days, 13 hours, 34 minutes, and 6 seconds to round off Mother Earth.

SOUTHERN BAY RACE WEEK 2008 - Scheduled for May 30-31, and June 1 - Preliminary Notice of Race and 2008 Entry Form are available at the event website - www.blacksealcup.com

Speaking of favorite regattas, the **SCREWPILE LIGHTHOUSE CHALLENGE REGATTA** is showing support of our sport's governing body by requiring each owner or skipper entering the regatta be a member of US SAILING. websites: www.splc.us www.screwpile.net www.screwpile.com

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.

Save the Date: CCV Race Management Clinic - Saturday, March 15, 0900-1200 at Hampton Yacht Club - FREE, open to all.

Double Negative Makes a Positive - No, it's no longer the Not Smith Point Race. CCV has revised the race format and changed the name to the **MOONLIGHT TRIANGLE RACE** (July 26) The start will be late in the day with the finish probably around midnight after sailing a mid-distance course within the area between the mouth of the York River, Buckroe Beach and Ocean View. The Moonlight Triangle Race will join Hampton Yacht Club's **Plantation Light Race** (Aug 15) to make two races on the southern Bay offering summer night racing.

If you just have to hug some sailboats, consider **Sailfest Baltimore**. The show opens at the Baltimore

Convention center this Wednesday and runs through Sunday, the 27th. Check the website for details - www.strictlysail.com

There's a new gizmo under development for sailboat racing - a man named Mike Reifer has a prototype set of gizmos that will measure the two boat length circle at the mark. As designed, the gizmo on the mark will talk to the gizmo on the boat and indicate the distance of the boat from the mark. There will be audible sounds too. How does it measure the bowman hanging off the boat or other equipment in its normal location...? Will the game be to fool the gizmo?

OOOPS! CCV says that the organization address show on their membership renewal form is incorrect (by one block). Please address your checks and forms to: CCV, 520 21st Street, Suite G2-186, Norfolk, VA 23517. (not 20th Street).

February Southern Bay Racers Calendar: Do groundhogs ever sail?

February 2	Saturday	MURPHY GOES RACING - "It's All About the People" - call (757) 850-4225 for info
February 9-10	Sat - Sun	US SAILING Judges Clinic - part of certification requirements - call (757) 593-4876
February 15-17	Fri-Sun	St Petersburg NOOD Regatta
February 22-23	Fri-Sat	Fishing Bay Yacht Club hosts Dave Perry at special program in Richmond
Feb 22-Mar 1		2008 Worlds [for Olympic Classes] Tornado Worlds - Takapuna, NZ (Charlie Ogletree)

CCV welcomes Cruising Class to their racing program. The organization is offering an incentive to Cruising Class racers who join CCV (Club membership = \$25) - they will be able to race FREE in any CCV race during the season (with the exception of SBRW). Save some \$\$\$ by racing!! (Info? Contact John McCarthy, (757) 850-4225)

Save this date: CCV Rules Clinic and distribution of the *2008 CCV Racing Guide*, Tuesday, April 1, at the Mariners' Museum in Newport News, Virginia. There is a new editor for the *Guide* this year - **Jake Brodersen**, skipper and owner with wife **Pat**, of *Midnight Mistress*.

MURPHY'S LAW: A device that measures the two boat length circle? What's next? A big voice that says, "On further review, you there, you must go do a penalty turn for overlapped gizmos ! " And, will we be able to call time outs at the mark roundings to think about our next move or to "freeze" that other guy's spinnaker douse? /S/ *Murphy the Racing Beagle, the sailing spirit in us all.*

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