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GROUNDHOG DAY is this coming Saturday, February 2nd. We need a collective hope that our favorite woodchuck does not see his shadow, because we want an early Spring. That means everyone needs to hope for clouds on Saturday, but only over Groundhog holes!

SOUTHERN BAY AND BEYOND BOATS AT KEY WEST RACE WEEK: This KWRW will go down in the memory data banks as the time it was TOO windy to race on Day 1, and NO wind on day 3, and GREAT racing on Days 2, 4, and 5! Two of our home boats captured 2nd in their fleets: **Pete Hunter's WAIRERE** (Thompson 30), Kill Devil Hill, NC, in the PHRF 1 fleet (9 boats) and **Bob Fleck's HORIZON** (S2 7.9), Alexandria, VA, in the PHRF 6 fleet (10 boats). **Sledd Shelhorse** and the crew of **MERIDIAN 2** (Farr 36), Virginia Beach, VA, took 4th in PHRF 1. **Robin Team's TEAMWORK** (J/122), Beaufort, NC, finished 4th in the IRC 2 fleet (10 boats) and captured at BOAT of THE DAY award along the way. In the huge (34 boats) J/105 one-design fleet, **Worth Harris' RUM AT SIX**, also from Beaufort, NC, finished 12th even with no throw-outs allowed and a dnf in the last race.

PHRF ANNOUNCES 2008 FLEET SPLITS for the SOUTHERN BAY: **Mike Dale**, PHRF VP for the southern Chesapeake Bay, says the delegates have voted and the decision on the fleet splits for the coming season is final. Here they are: **SOUTH DIVISION: A = Up to 109; B = 110 - 163; C = 164 and Up.** **NORTH DIVISION** (remains unchanged for 2007): **A = Up to 113; B = 114 - 166; C = 167 and UP** Non-Spin remains a fleet for all ratings in both Divisions. So, get those new fleet flags, decide to go spinnaker or not, buy that new boat, or whatever else you were waiting to do depending on the fleet splits! Let's just get out there and race!

YRYC to New DIGS: **York River Yacht Club** expects to move to Crown Pointe Marina in Perrin Creek in the near future. They'll be a little bit down river from their old place on Sarah's Creek at Gloucester Point. Transition will not change the YRYC strong support of the **York River Cup** (Saturday, June 7), the proceeds of which go to the **Watermen's Museum** in Yorktown.

Dave Perry is coming to Richmond: Most people think of **Dave Perry** as THE foremost authority on racing rules in ...well...the world. Mr. Perry will be in Richmond, guest of **Fishing Bay Yacht Club** and for the benefit of the **2008 Southern Chesapeake Bay Leukemia Cup** (July 11-13), for two presentations. On **Friday evening, February 22** at the Dominion Resources Auditorium, he will speak about his experience as the Rules Advisor and Afterguard Coach for *Victory Challenge* (Sweden) in the 2007 America's Cup campaign. Then, on **Saturday, February 23**, he will present "Positioning Yourself to Win" in a day long seminar at Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church, also in Richmond. For details on the Perry visit check out the FBYC website at www.fbyc.net. You may register for either or both sessions and there are discounts for those who attend both and for juniors.

Marine Events Permits: Club Commodores and/or Race Captains and Event Organizers - Be aware that it is time to get your application for upcoming season Marine Event(s) to the Coast Guard. The application form is straight forward, one page (and you must attach a chart or sketch of the event location) and the Coast Guard will work with you by email. There is no fee. USCG has made it simple, but they do require it, so get it done now. You will soon be involved in finding marks and starting flags and will have little time for paperwork.

A Special Dinghy for College Sailors: From **SCUTTLEBUTT 2520**, Jan 28, 2008, comes word that the "... *Inter-Collegiate Sailing Association of North American has appointed a committee to design a new collegiate dinghy. The immediate goal is to come up with a set of characteristics that are desired in such a craft ...*" There is a blog site where you can comment <http://www.college sailing.org/blog.asp> Word is a favorite suggestion from PARENTS of collegiate sailors is that the new boat come filled with m-o-n-e-y!

Reminder: Registration closes this Friday, February 1. for the **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. Contact Dave Pyron at (757) 593-4876. To register, go to www.ussailing.org/judges/workshops

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).**

MURPHY'S LAW: *Yrs Truly, The Murphster,* is tired, very tired of cold weather. The best way to assure that The Groundhog does not see his shadow Saturday is to shanghai him for a midnight cruise in the islands, Mon. Ply him with rum and let him sleep through February 2nd! /S/ *Murphy the Racing Beagle, the sailing spirit in us all.*

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