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## **Southern Bay Racing News You Can Use #380**

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YIKES! Make the dinner ressies! Head for the candy store! Valentine's Day is this coming Thursday! And, remember your "baby" in the boatyard - perhaps a new main sheet is in order, or...

LITTLE BAY SMALLBOATS, an official sub set of <u>Broad Bay Sailing Association</u>, has announced their <u>Wednesday Night Race Series for 2008</u>. Racing platform criteria states, "Boat must be monohull no longer than 20 feet and not less than 9 feet (Centerboard only)." And, at least one person on board must be over 18 years old. Opening night is May 28. For info contact Race Coordinator, Fred Emory Nemeth (757) 549-1788 or Jerry <u>Pattenaude (757) 543-3029</u>. The races will be in one of the best contained racing venues in Hampton Roads, Willoughby Bay, aka Little Bay, in Norfolk, off the 13th View public boat ramp. If you are the least bit dinghy, ya gotta make this mid-week series!

The **US SAILING Judges Seminar** wrapped up two days at host Hampton Yacht Club this weekend. Twenty (20) attendees, most from the southern Bay but one couple from Syracuse, NY, learned about correct interpretation of the rules, the role of certified judges, and proper protest procedures in sailboat racing. The seminar was led by noted judges **Joe Krolak** (Annapolis), **Chris Petracco** (New Jersey), and **Dave Pyron** (Hampton), who organized and brought the seminar to Hampton Roads.

**Southern Bay Racers on the move: Dixon and Mary Wilde,** who sail *Kingfisher* (C&C 99) in the southern Bay, are off soon for a few days in a true sailing nation - New Zealand. **Richard and Diane Payne**, *Flying Colors* (J/105), are just back from *da islands, mon*, where they sailed a plenty!

Mirage and Treaty of Ghent getting ready for St Petersburg NOODS: This Friday, February 15, our southern Bay homie Hobie 33s will put it up on the race course for the first of the 3-day one-design regatta. The members of the Treaty of Ghent team are: Dave France, Mary Hron, Chauncey Wu, and co-skippers Jim Williams and Will Roberts. And, here's the Mirage crew: Matt Smith, Mark Kawa, Bernie Kelleher, Christopher Leeman, Dave Taylor, and skipper Christian Schaumloffel. Cross up your fingers for all of them!

<u>On-the-Water CREW TRAINING:</u> Yes, Southern Bay Racers, there are on-the-water crew training opportunities here at home. Both courses offer on-the-water combined with classroom training. Here is the info on each:

**Fishing Bay Yacht Club Course**: Open to all. Wednesday night <u>classroom sessions</u> - March 26, April 2, and April 9 - all 6:30pm - 9:30 pm, in Richmond (Retreat Hospital Board Room) and <u>on-the-water sessions</u> - March 30 (Sunday), April 5 (Saturday), and April 13 (Sunday). Chairman/organizer is Jim Snowa. For info and to register go to <u>www.fbyc.net</u>

**CCV Racing Course**: Open to all. Tuesday night <u>classroom sessions</u> - May 27, June 3, 10,17,and 24 in Hampton (Hampton Yacht Club) and <u>on-the-water-sessions</u> - June 8 (Sunday) and June 11, 18, 25 (as part of Wednesday Night Racing series). For info contact David Taylor at (757) or Dave Pyron at (757) 593-4876.

ST PETERSBURG NOODS Watch: There are more than 175 boats gathered in St Petersburg for the upcoming weekend of one-design racing. There are several boats there, in addition to *Mirage* and *Treaty of Ghent* in the 8 boat Hobie 33 fleet, that are of interest as boats from the southern Bay and beyond. Watch these: In the 25 boat 124 fleet - Chip Till (Wrightsville Beach, NC), *Tunnel of Love*; Ron Medlin (Goldsboro, NC), *Bash*; and, Chris Elliott (Edenton, NC), *Matador*. In the 82 7.9 8 boat fleet, Bob Fleck (Front Royal, VA), *Horizon*. In the 6 boat Soverel 33 fleet - Chuck Lineberry (Davidson, NC), *Pearl of Great Price*. In the 10 boat Ultimate 20 fleet - Pete Marriott/Bob McGrath (Charlotte, NC), *Zulu*; Mike Bremer (Charlotte, NC), *Far Far*; Brian Hennessey (Southport, NC), *Ultimutt*; and, Don Cory (Cornelius, NC), *Scram*. In the Melges 24 fleet, Scott Baste (Otto, NC), *Room 444 Improvement*, will be sailing against 46 other Melges 24 competitors, one of whom is world class, AC tactician and Chesapeake Bay homie (Annapolis) Terry Hutchinson sailing *Rosebud*.

**MURPHY'S LAW:** It blew so hard here yesterday that it blew dogs off chains. That, of course, would be your average dogs, not *Yrs Truly the Racing Beagle. The Murphster* used the valuable time to sleep late and eat often

- inside! /S/ Murphy the Racing Beagle, the sailing spirit in us all.

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