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Southern Bay Racing News You Can Use # 384

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

Wake up, Sleepyheads! DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME started yesterday. Spring ahead one hour.
Remember, being late for work is forgivable; being late for the start is not!

Special additional Early Bird Entry incentive for Southern Bay Race Week. *SOUTHERN BAY RACING NEWS YOU CAN USE* is sponsoring a set of regatta shirts as the prize for the winner of a special drawing to be held at the Saturday night post-racing awards ceremony. In order to be eligible for the drawing, the boat must be entered in SBRW no later than April 16, 2008 (the Early Bird Entry deadline). Only Early Bird Entries will be eligible for the drawing for the set of 12 matching Southern Bay Race Week polo shirts. The skipper must be present at the drawing to win. Murphy says get those entries in now, so your team will be in the hat for the drawing. For SBRW entry info go to the event web site www.blacksealcup.com or call Lin McCarthy at (757) 850-4225.

This coming Saturday morning CCV sponsors a Race Management Clinic at Hampton Yacht Club, Saturday, March 15, 0900 - 1230. OPEN TO ALL and FREE. Coffee and morning pastries are included. The clinic is for race committee members who want to brush up on basic skills as well as for newcomers. John McCarthy, US Sailing certified Advanced Race Officer and Judge will be the lead presenter. Area clubs are encouraged to send race committee members as well as newcomer-volunteers. Pre-registration will be appreciated for planning purposes. For info and/or to pre-register call (757) 850-4225 or email mcbear@earthlink.net, mention the Race Committee Clinic and leave your name. Here's a clinic that is NOT a budget buster - even the donuts are cost-free to attendees.

Dick Boykin update: Dick is scheduled for heart surgery this morning (Monday). He is at Sentara Heart Hospital in Norfolk. You can send cards to his home address at 828 Graystone Trace, Newport News, VA 23602. He and Betty, his wife of 51 years, appreciate all of your thoughtful good wishes and prayers - keep 'em coming, especially this morning and in the days to follow.

Schooner *Virginia* blasted up the Bay from Yorktown to St. Mary's on Saturday in gale force winds. What a ride it must have been!

J/24s - Do you MEASURE UP? Tripp Behm has lined up Tim Winger to come to Hampton Roads on April 26 (and maybe stay over to April 27) to measure any boats interested. Please contact Tripp for details or to let him know you are bringing your boat to be measured. Tripp's email is tbehm@vt.edu

Bill Peach has named his Catalina 22, *DFL* (you fill in the blanks). Bill is hoping to finish the rework of his 1974 swing keel project in time to join the PHRF C fleet this summer. He has spent two years reclaiming *DFL*. He is determined to keep her from becoming a flower planter for his yard. And, about that name... do not count on Bill Peach being *DFL* in any fleet!

Media Watch: Bob Fleck's S2 7.9 *Horizon* graces the cover of this month's (March) *SpinSheet Magazine*. *Horizon* captured the 2007 Labrot Trophy (best overall performance in a handicap class on the Bay). **Dave McConaughy's *White Boat*** is pictured on page 84 of the same issue. *White Boat* accomplished an unusual combination, winning the J/30 (one-design) North Americans and the Region 4 PHRF B class and CCV PHRF B High Point. *Kudos* on both fronts!

Boat shuffle - several southern Bay race boats are looking for new homes right now. You may find just the right racer for you in the FOR SALE [SAIL] listings at the end of this issue of *SBRNYCU*. Each of the boats has been part of the southern Bay fleet, so there are no "strangers" here.

The **Spring Equinox** is **1:48 am Eastern Daylight Time, Thursday, March 20**. Get ready to **BURN YOUR SOCKS!** Check with your local clubs, many of which will have burnings during the weekend (March 21-23). Remember, the sock burning purist comes to the burning, which should be scheduled for late afternoon, peels off his or her socks, and drops them one by one, into the ceremonial fire. From there on through the season, it's barefootin' or boat shoes / flip-flops only! Ahhhhh.

April 1st is April Fools Day and the official opening day of the racing season on the southern Bay. **CCV will host their Annual Rules Clinic and 2008 CCV Racing Guide distribution** gathering at the Mariners' Museum in Newport News that Tuesday evening - 6:30pm to 8:30pm. The Clinic is FREE and OPEN TO ALL. CBYRA VP for Region 4, **Tom Roberts**, will be on hand to present trophies to and to congratulate those southern Bay CBYRA High Point Award winners who were unable to attend the official ceremony this winter. **Directions to the Mariners' Museum:** from I-64, take Exit 258A for Route 17 South & J.Clyde Morris Blvd. South. Pass through the intersection of JCM and Warwick Blvd (just after passing the Riverside Hospital complex on your left) and watch for the left turn on to Museum Drive. Once you get to the Museum area, bear right around the main building to the main parking lot, and head for the entrance on the right side of the main building. Just follow the folks wearing boat shoes!

AZALEA FESTIVAL REGATTA : Norfolk Naval Sailing Association is sponsoring the Azalea Festival Regatta on Saturday, April 19, in Hampton Roads Harbor (keelboats) and Willoughby (aka Little) Bay (dinghies). Keelboat classes are: PHRF Non-Spin (one headsail); Cruising (one headsail), and, if appropriate, one-design. For the dinghies it's Laser, 420, and other classes with 3 or more . **For info and entry, contact Chess Harris at chess.harris@norfolknavalesailing.org**

MURPHY'S LAW: *Yrs Truly, the Racing Beagle*, will be burning socks, both pairs, and, that ain't all. The Murphster is getting fitted for those Southern Bay Race Week crew shirts. I am announcing right here and now, I plan to jump ship to whichever of the SBRW Early Bird entries wins the shirts. Sartorial splendor has to be a top priority for any racing crew. /S/ *Murphy the Racing Beagle, the sailing spirit in us all.*

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