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Southern Bay Racing News You Can Use # 385

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

Top o' the mornin' to Ya! GREEN - GREEN - GREEN! Murphy, The Racing Beagle, says, "Go GREEN - as in IRISH! Happy St. Patrick's Day!

This Thursday, March 20, marks the **Spring Equinox at 1:48 am Eastern Daylight Time**. Get ready to **BURN YOUR SOCKS!** Break out your flip-flops. Let your toes breathe. Or, you may be one of those racers who never-ever wears socks, like **Tom Fowler**. In that case, borrow a pair of socks from a buddy so you have something to sacrifice to the racing gods!

Sunday, March 23rd is Easter. An especially good day to take a turn around the harbor or beyond.

Three PHRF A's are Early Bird Entries - LOLA (Dennis Hannick) , MERIDIAN 2 (Sledd Shelhorse), and VOODOO 2 (Leroi Lissenden) are entered in SBRW. **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 on the final day of the regatta. In order to be entered in 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. So, get those entries in now. For entry info go to the event web site www.blacksealcup.com or call Lin McCarthy at (757) 850-4225.

SOLING MAN - Dave Wiker. Solings were used as the Olympic keel boat racer between 1972 - 2000. Now, **Dave Wiker** is taking the initiative to get an established class racing in the southern Bay. He already has 3 Solings that he is letting the folks at York River Yacht Club try out. About the boat itself, Dave says, "It is a stiff sailing boat that has enough speed and agility to really be fun. My goal is to get enough boats in the area so they can be raced together and have some be competitive enough to participate in Nationals." So, if you have a Soling or want to try one out, contact Dave directly on his cell at 757-303-1843 or work phone at 757-764-1129 or email him at wikerd@gmail.com. This is a great way to get on the water racing and/or to try something a little bit different. Call Dave.

Take home a United States Naval Academy Midshipman! The Mids are coming! The Mids are coming! USNA wants to send two of their new 44s down for **Southern Bay Race Week (May 30-31 and June 1)**. So, the mission is to find housing for the Mids crewing the boats (about 8 on each boat) and 2-4 adults. The Mids will arrive on Thursday, May 29, and leave at the end of the regatta. So, we need spots for about 20 USNA folks. If you can host one, two, or more of the USNA contingent, please **contact Ron McLean (Bay Harbor Brokerage) at (757) 480-1073 or email him at Bayhbr@aol.com** The sooner the better, so the USNA folks can finalize their plans.

Here's an easy to reach, FREE, real-time source of info about **weather on the Bay** - dial **1-866-247-6787**. It's a NOAA/NOS service.

APRIL IS WHEN IT ALL BEGINS AGAIN!

April 1 - Tuesday	CCV Annual Rules Clinic and distribution of <i>2008 CCV Racing Guide</i>
April 1 - Tuesday	Newport Bermuda Race entry deadline - www.bermudarace.com
April 2 - Wednesday	HYC Wednesday Night Races begin - Tom Ryan - (757) 426-7666
April 5 - Saturday	OPCYC Yankee Station Races (Saturdays) - Dennis Miner - (757) 867-1028
April 6 - Sunday	NNSA-BBSA Sunday Afternoon (dinghy) Races begin - Leon Garber (757) 615-7154
April 9 - Wednesday	Little Creek SA/BBSA Wednesday Night Races begin - John/Mary Bergman - (757) 362-3775
April 10 - Thursday	Willoughby Racers/BBSA Thursday Night Races begin - Scott Almond - (757) 471-2663
April 13 - Sunday	CCV Tune-Up Races - John McCarthy (757) 850-4225
April 16 - Wednesday	Southern Bay Race Week <u>Early Bird entry deadline</u> - Lin McCarthy (757) 850-4225
April 18 - Friday	PBC Barnacle Series (Friday nights) begins - Jim Simpson (757) 238-2193
April 19 - Saturday	NNSA Azalea Festival Regatta - Chess Harris chess.harris@norfolknavalsailing.org

April 19 - Saturday FBYC Opening Day - Spring Series - Mike Dale (804) 758-0334
 April 20 - Sunday CCV Spring Series, Races #1 and #2 - John McCarthy (757) 850-4225
 April 20 - Sunday FBYC Spring Series - Mike Dale (804) 758-0334
 Apr 25-27 Fri-Sun Annapolis NOOD Regatta
 April 27 - Sunday CCV Spring Series, Race #3 - (Chesapeake Bay Distance Racing Series) - J.McCarthy
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 April 27 - Sunday FBYC Spring Series - Mike Dale (804) 758-0334
 May 3 - Saturday YPYC Spring Regatta
 May 4 - Sunday CCV Spring Series, Races #4 and #5 - John McCarthy (757) 850-4225

Race Committee-ers get ready: Prepping to run good races for southern Bay racers, 36 members of race committees from 7 different southern Bay area clubs attended the CCV Race Committee Clinic hosted Saturday morning at Hampton YC. John McCarthy led the clinic.

CCV Racing Rules Clinic and distribution of the 2008 CCV Racing Guide. Tuesday, April 1. FREE clinic and OPEN TO ALL. At the Mariners' Museum, Newport News, 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM. If you race on the southern Bay, you want to be at this gathering. The *CCV Racing Guide* is available to members of CCV and included in the \$25 annual membership dues. If you have not already, you can join CCV at this event and get your personal copy of the *2008 CCV Racing Guide*. **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 smiles and boat shoes!

MURPHY'S LAW: What a week ! Celebrate St Patrick's Day today by slurping some green brew with your favorite Irish Setter friends! Go to a sock burning party at the end of the week. And, open your Easter basket on Sunday - the best jelly beans come in Easter baskets! And, remember, all you Bunnies.... Beagles just wanna be friends. Ah-oooooooooooo! /S/ *Murphy the Racing Beagle, the sailing spirit in us all.*

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