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It's the day after Easter and the Bunny Baskets are done. Check your teeth for jelly bean traces before you smile at anyone this morning.

HOUSING FOR USNA MIDSHIPMEN: It is not often that the southern Bay racing community gets to play host to US Naval Academy race boats and crew members. Two Navy 44s are planning to come to Southern Bay Race Week. **Ron McLean** is working to find housing for the USNA contingent of approximately 20. The Mids will arrive on Wednesday, May 28, and leave at the end of the regatta, June 2. So, we need spots for about 20 USNA folks. If you can host one, two, or more of the USNA group, please contact Ron McLean (Bay Harbor Brokerage) at (757) 480-1073 or email him at Bayhbr@aol.com If you have questions, contact Ron - the sooner we get places for our special visitors, the better, so they can finalize their travel plans.

Where's Elmo? Next time you have a chance, scan Hampton Roads Harbor. A favorite waypoint for southern Bay racers has gone missing. The Navy "ammo crib" is g-o-n-e. And, it will not be back.

Gettin' the hop on the competition. Yesterday *Bad Habit*, **Bob Archer** and crew, took advantage of the sunshine and breeze, although plenty chilly, to shake off rust and cobwebs. The Pearson Flyer was the only sail in the harbor early in the afternoon.

WEATHER, WEATHER, WEATHER - the bane of every sailor's existence, racer or cruiser. **April 12, 8:30am - 3:30pm, Fishing Bay Yacht Club** will host a seminar on the sport's great variable. **Pat Healy**, Commanders' Weather Corporation and well known weather guru, will lead the morning session on analyzing and understanding marine weather. **Ralph Naranjo**, who is *Practical Sailor's* technical editor, will speak in the afternoon on heavy weather sailing and storm tactics. Cost is \$30 per person (\$50 for couples) and includes lunch along with coffee and morning pastries. For info and to register contact George Burke at (804) 359-1187. Don't let this one blow by you! Seating is limited - register now.

Chuck Monsees and the *Rockette* gang got the short end of the stick. The mast of their J/29 was broken accidentally while prepping her to go on the road to the Bald Head Island Regatta. The search is on for the needed replacement. Let 'em know if you know of any.

FEATHER (Phil Briggs), BAD HABIT (Bob Archer), CALLINECTES (Ben Cuker), and Tripp Behm's J/24 declare "in" for Southern Bay Race Week. The three PHRF boats have all seen considerable action in previous SBRWs and Behm's is the first J/24 to enter this year's one-design fleet. SBRW is one of three regattas on the Bay that comprise the qualifying series for a berth in the J/24 Worlds scheduled for Annapolis in 2009. For SBRW entry info go to the event web site www.blacksealcup.com or call Lin McCarthy at (757) 850-4225.

April 1st minus 8 days 'til CCV Rules Clinic and distribution of the 2008 CCV Racing Guide. FREE clinic and OPEN TO ALL. At the Mariners' Museum, Newport News, 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM. 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* on the spot. 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 holler "Comin' UPPPPPP!" and come on in!

Don't be surprised if you encounter a "big ship", as in **ocean freighter, flying a chute downwind.** Really. A German company and a California business have come together to produce SkySails@. The producers say flying a chute, i.e. motorsailing, one of the big guys can save as much as \$1,500 in fuel a day. There's a picture of one and more details in *SAIL Magazine's* April issue, page 12. One of these sails goes for between \$375,000 and \$3.7 million. And, you thought your sail budget was getting out of hand!

Get your steel-ie blades ready - one of the changes to the PHRF of the Chesapeake requirements in 2008 to the 4P equipment regulations is that the boat have a knife on deck or in the cockpit. Right next to your red protest flag, might be a good place. If brandished as you pick up your protest flag, there could be a noticeable increase in voluntary two turn penalties on the course.

One week from tomorrow, it begins on the water. Wednesday, April 2, the HYC Wednesday Night races begin and Saturday, April 5, OPCYC begins their Yankee Station Saturday racing. Do you know where your long underwear and the extra winch handles are??

MURPHY'S LAW: Cougars, Tigers, Wildcats, and Cardinals - nothing but a bunch of cats and birds. Those are the only critters of character that are left in the college basketball tournament. There are some bears (UCLA Bruins), cattle (Texas Longhorns), and small furry creatures (Wisconsin Badgers), but the only real mascot, the Georgetown **bulldog** is gone from the tournament. By the way, Georgetown uses a bulldog 'cause it's hard to bring a Hoya to basketball games! Info Note: Cougars (Washington State), Tigers (Memphis State), Wildcats (Davidson and Villanova), Louisville (Cardinals), Stanford (Cardinal). /S/ *Murphy the Racing Beagle, the sailing spirit in us all.*

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