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

CCV TUNE-UP Races, this coming Sunday, April 13. Weather permitting, there will be two short races around marks in the Harbor. The first warning signal is scheduled for 1100. Everyone is welcome to race. There is no entry fee, but you must enter. Mail Standard CBYRA entry form to: John McCarthy, 4401 Chesapeake Avenue, Hampton, VA 23669. For additional info, contact John or Lin at (757) 850-4225. Find your class flags and fly them. This is a great opportunity to shake off the rust!

John Dodge, past president of CBYRA, sought after crew on top level national and international raceboats, and son of the southern Bay, underwent extremely serious surgery Friday and has come through it with a hopeful prognosis. John's wife and family have set up a web link where everyone can follow his progress and leave him messages. No doubt his many, many friends will keep tabs on him and provide encouragement. Log on www.caringbridge.org/visit/johndodge.

Some new faces and boats expected on the race course this season: There among the usual suspects are some newcomers in the southern Bay racing fleet: **Dennis Hannick's Lola** (Thompson 750), **Butch Patterson's Schock Full o' Nuts** (Santana 30/30 GP), **Jon Harn's Noco Loco** (J/24), **Tim Dull's Dart** (Santana 25), **Tom Connor's Fins Up** (Pearson 26), **Bill Peach's DFL** (Catalina 22), **Tim Ketten's April Tied** (Westerly 29), and an entirely new CCV Cruising fleet (currently at 15).

Last Tuesday, racers picked up their *2008 CCV Racing Guides* and partook of a great rules clinic presented by Hampton University sailing coach **Samantha "Sam" Ficksman** and USSAILING Judge/Umpire **Dave Pyron**. In addition to the clinic, CBYRA VP for Region 4, **Tom Roberts**, was on hand to present CBYRA High Point Awards to southern Bay racers who had not been at the annual presentation dinner.

SBRW entry forms available direct by email: Just hit reply and say "I want my SBRW entry form". It will come right to you! For additional info, contact Lin McCarthy at (757) 850-4225 or email mcbear@earthlink.net

Deadline approach-th! In order to be in the drawing for a **set of 12 SBRW regatta polos** and to receive 6 free drink tickets, you must enter **Southern Bay Race Week no later than Wednesday, April 16.** Only Early Bird Entries will be eligible for the drawing for the set (12) of SBRW regatta shirts.

More than 60 racers have already registered in the 2008 CCV Racing program, as Racing Members or Cruising Class Club Members. These numbers do not include racers who will enter races on a race-by-race basis. CCV Racing Membership racers, approximately 50 PHRF class racers, are automatically entered in all CCV races (except SBRW). CCV Cruising Class Club Members must enter each race/series individually, but are not required to pay an entry fee. Non-CCV members are welcome in all races, but must enter each race/series according to appropriate instructions and pay the entry fee.

From www.sailingscuttlebutt.com on April Fools' Day:

MANDATORY MEMBERSHIP PLAN EXPANDED

US SAILING President Jim Capron announced in Portsmouth today that US SAILING's Board of Directors has decided to expand the revenue base of US SAILING by requiring that all members of the US Navy and the Coast Guard become members of US SAILING. In a stunning but rational move, US SAILING's Board concluded that members of the Navy and Coast Guard routinely tell their [sic] families that they are "sailing" when they depart on tours do duty. As a result of this routing description of their activities, US SAILING's Board concluded that members of the naval armed forces meet the definition of those represented by US SAILING. There was internal debate within the US SAILING Board as to whether this designation should extend to submariners or just those members of the naval armed forces that serve aboard surface ships. Southern Bay racers, given the number of additional members and resources this would bring to their ranks, are considering demands for free grog and use of cutters and carriers as mark and signal boats.

The following is NOT an April Fools' item:

"The time has come, the Walrus said..." There's been a whole lot of talk about **every recreational boat being subjected to fees** for a required EPA discharge permit. Two identical bills are working their way through Congress. Each would provide a permanent exemption for recreational boats from this upcoming requirement. According to **BoatUS**, now there is "... **new Senate Bill #2766 "The Clean Boating Act of 2008"** which is most likely to gain wide support, be passed into law, and eliminate the permit requirement." Here's what we need to do: Contact both of our US Senators and ask them to vote YES for Senate Bill #2766. Tell them you are a boater and about your boating. Senator John Warner (202) 224-2023, Senator Jim Webb (202) 224-4024. Or, go to BoatUS web site www.boatus.com/gov and follow the prompts to zap our Senators. Do this now, or you may be paying the government pig every time you create "run-off" while washing your boat or worse!

During this week two more southern Bay club series will open: 1. Little Creek Wednesday Nights - BBSA (April 9, contact John or Mary Bergman (757) 362-3775; 2. Willoughby Racers Thursday Nights - BBSA (April 10, contact Scott Almond (757) 471-2663, or Bill Bounds (757) 587-5611.

More small boat racing on the southern Bay: Ware River Yacht Club announces a Tuesday Night Sailing Series (May 13 - June 10). OPEN TO ALL small boat sailors. For info contact Rick Klein at (804) 693-5629. This will be great fun on the Ware River on Tuesday evenings.

Last Reminder: WEATHER, WEATHER, WEATHER - 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 know 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. \$30 per person (\$50 for couples) includes lunch and coffee and morning pastries. For info call George Burke at (804) 359-1187.

If you have not yet joined CCV and/or **picked up your 2008 CCV Racing Guide**, it's not too late. Stop by the manager's office at Hampton Yacht Club. CCV Club membership is \$25 and includes a copy of the *Guide*.

MURPHY'S LAW: Well, I've looked everywhere. The backyard has more holes than Tiger will find at Augusta. It is nowhere. Only 6 days until the first regatta, and *Yrs Truly, the Racing Beagle*, cannot find his beer mug. These are the times that try racers' souls! /S/ *Murphy the Racing Beagle, the sailing spirit in us all.*

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