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

**CCV SPRING SERIES, Race #3 - April 27, Hampton Roads Harbor. CCV will run a middle distance race in the Harbor using government marks.** This race will also be scored as part of the 2008 Chesapeake Bay Distance Racing Series. The first warning scheduled for 1030. There will be starts for each PHRF Spinnaker Fleet, PHRF Non-Spin, and a Cruising Fleet. Valid 2008 PHRF ratings are required for all PHRF racers. OPEN TO ALL. Boats with CCV Racing Memberships are automatically entered; all other racers must submit an entry form and fees no later than the day before race day. For information, contact John or Lin McCarthy at (757) 850-4225.

**Mother's Moods Frustrate Weekend Racers:** Mother Nature messed with southern Bay racers as she ran her magic from one end of the spectrum to the other. On Saturday, she toyed with the **AZALEA FESTIVAL RACE** by taking away the wind and adding a good dose of current. That made for interesting starting line situations. A total of 22 big boats came out, 12 in the PHRF Non-Spin Fleet and 10 in the Cruising Fleet. Top finishers in PHRF Non-Spin: 1. *Black Widow* (Irwin 38), **Leo Wardrup**; 2. *Ali-Ru* (Morgan 36), **John Lones**; 3. *5-Speed* (Lindenburg 28), **Eric Schwab**. In Cruising: 1. *Cat's Paws* (Island Packet 44), **Mike Turner**; 2. *Levante* (Catalina 400), **Juan Diaz**. Race Chairman: Chess Harris.

On Sunday, for the opening of the **CCV SPRING SERIES**, Mother Nature seemed to have forgotten to take her calming "purple pills"; she threw a hissy fit part way through the first race of the day. *Kudos* to the 26 PHRF boats who sailed undaunted into the teeth of "iffy" weather forecasts and gray-black skies. Things went along fine until Mother decided to toss a mini-blow (33 knots and buckets of rain) into the mix. Racing was abandoned because of visibility, or lack thereof, and the fleet headed in to a post-race party of free hotdogs, beer, and soft drinks. PRO: John McCarthy; Mark Boats: David Gibbins and Tom and Jane Fowler.

Meanwhile, up on the Rappahannock River, the **FBYC SPRING SERIES** got underway. Twenty-six (26) boats started on Saturday with a weather related reduction of numbers returning on Sunday. When all was said and done, for the weekend, the standings in the fleets were: PHRF A: 1. **Brad Davis**, *Blade Runner*; 2. **David Clark**, *Corryvreckan*; 3. **Sam Mitchener**, *Double Eagle*. PHRF BC: 1. **Jerry Latell**, *Boomerang*; 2. **Drake Johnstone**, *Cat's Pajamas*; 3. **Allan Heyward**, *La Maga*. PHRF Non-Spin: 1. **Dick Cole**, *Nutcracker*; 2. **Robert DeJong**, *Temptress*. PRO: Brooks Zerkel.

Rumor has it that **Mitch Doughtie** has acquired Jerry Latell's *Old School*, a fine S2 7.9 that hopefully will see action soon on the southern Bay. Mitch sails out of Portsmouth Boat Club.

**IMPORTANT CHANGE TO YORK RIVER CUP PLANS:** Re-location and re-organization have caused re-adjustment of York River Cup (June 7, 2008) plans. York River Yacht Club's recent move to their new location at Crown Pointe Marina in Perrin Creek off the York River have caused YRYC to have to withdraw from their previous fund-raising effort for the Waterman's Museum in Yorktown. For this year, the York River Cup will be centered further down the river, at Crown Pointe Marina (skippers' meeting and post-race pool-side cookout) and entry fee will be cut in half (dropped from \$50 to \$25). The race rendezvous will move from York River R24 to R22. All other information will remain essentially the same. For info contact Brian Gregory at (804) 642-9157. Make a note on your copy of the NOR and plan to check out YRYC's new digs!

When races are abandoned, there are unintended consequences that require event organizers and support staff to make snap decisions regarding post-race activities. CCV Spring Series racers found a great hotdog and snacks table laid out in the HYC Lounge and a tapped keg waiting for them out of the weather, on the back porch yesterday. *Kudos* to Richard Ashe, HYC manager, and to the wonderful staff for meeting the needs of 26 big boats worth of racers on very short notice.

### **May Racing Opportunities: Post this on the refrigerator door. Then, Go Racing!**

May 3 Saturday YPYC Spring Regatta  
 May 10 Saturday FBYC Spring Series continues - Mike Dale (804) 347-7409

May 3 Saturday CCV Learn To Race Your Sailboat Clinic - Ben Cuker (757) 727-5884  
 May 4 Sunday CCV Spring Series (Races #4 and #5) - John McCarthy (757) 850-4225  
 May 17 Saturday BBSA Cape Henry Cup - Scott Almond (757) 471-2663)  
 May 17 Saturday RRYC Spring Regatta  
 May 17-20 CHARLESTON RACE WEEK  
 May 24 Saturday Fishing Bay to Urbanna - Mike Dale (804) 347-7409  
 May 25 Sunday RRYC/FBYC River Races - Mike Dale (804) 347-7409  
 May 26 Monday CELEBRATE MEMORIAL DAY  
 May 27 Tuesday CCV Crew Training Courses begin - Dave Taylor (757) 344-5292  
 May 29 Thursday Willoughby Racers Summer Series begins - Scott Almond (757) 471-2663  
**May 30-31, June 1 SOUTHERN BAY RACE WEEK** - Lin McCarthy (757) 850-4225  
 June 7 Saturday PBC Harborfest Hometowne Regatta - Larry Bryant (757) 484-4966 or Dave Bennett (757) 676-1047  
 June 7 Saturday FBYC Long Distance Race - Mike Dale (804) 347-7409  
 June 7 Saturday YRYC York River Cup - Brian Gregory (804) 642-9157

Collegiate Sailing Update: The Old Dominion Sailing Team finished 7th in the Mid Atlantic Intercollegiate Sailing Associations Championships (for the America Trophy) to qualify for the National Semi-Final Championship. Sail on, Monarchs!

In yesterday's mini-blow the folks on **Greg Cutter's** Elliott 770, *Gremlyn*, did 12 knots.... and, who knows how fast they went once they "closed their eyes and just hung on!"

Two USNA Navy 44s, ***Renaissance*** and ***Integrity***, are among more than 50 boats already entered in **2008 Southern Bay Race Week** (May 30-June 1).

**MURPHY'S LAW:** PHRF now requires that the boat's name must be on PFDs and "*other buoyant equipment*". So, since *Yrs Truly*, *the Racing Beagle*, is designed to float extremely well, I'll have an appropriate message tattooed on to my belly - perhaps, something like "This Side Up" and maybe "Stand Back" printed on my tail! /S/ *Murphy the Racing Beagle, the sailing spirit in us all.*

**FOR SALE:** 1985 Schock New York 36, ***Valkyrie***, now a 114 rated B Fleet boat, excellent sail inventory, Ockam Racing instruments, plenty of rigging upgrades, dependable engine, VC 17 bottom (never had a blister), asking 29K. Call Karl at 757-749-8773 or email [teamvalkyrie@ussailing.net](mailto:teamvalkyrie@ussailing.net) [ADVERTISEMENT]

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