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**Final Day of CCV SPRING SERIES (Races #4 and #5), this coming Sunday, May 4.** Plans are for two drop mark course races in Hampton Roads Harbor. 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.

**Double the Distance, Double the Fun!** CCV Spring Series Race #3 came off without a hitch yesterday and this morning all the top finishers are "sittin' pretty", both in the CCV Spring Series Standings and in the 2008 Chesapeake Bay Distance Racing Series. The middle distance race (15.45 nm for A and B fleets and 11.73 miles for the C and Non-Spin fleets) counts in both of those series. A downwind start, starboard roundings, and navigational puzzles including current and wind patterns provided the racers with "something different" from the usual drop mark format. CCV intends to use the 3rd race of their Fall Series for a similar kind of "brain shake". Here are the boats currently in catbird seats in two southern Bay series: PHRF A: 1. *Cyrano*, **Bob Mosby**; 2. *Sea Star*, **Dave Eberwine**; 3. *Feather*, **Phil Briggs**. PHRF B: 1. *Cool Change*, **Rusty Burshell**; 2. *Bad Habit*, **Bob Archer**; 3. *PF Flyer*, **Larry Preddy**. PHRF C: 1. *Spray*, **Bumps Eberwine**; 2. *Roundabout*, **Alan Bomar**; 3. *Rocket J*, **Bert Johnson**. PHRF Non-Spin: 1. *Virginia H.*, **Andy Armstrong**; 2. *Margarita*, **Harry Tenney**. 35 boats in all came out to play on the gray chilly day! PRO: John McCarthy; Official Scorer: John Ritter.

**Tale of the Tape** - Five local J/24's were measured and weighed-in at HYC Saturday, in preparation for SBRW. In addition to the boats meeting weight requirements, the crew will have to tip the scales too. SBRW weigh-in for the CREWS of the J24s will be Thursday, May 29, following the skippers meeting. Those crewbies are gonna have to stay away from those Mother's Day and spring soiree buffets!

**Travis Weisleder**, a member of Fishing Bay Yacht Club and resident of Richmond, won first overall in the 26 boat Melges 24 fleet at Charleston Race Week and BOAT OF THE WEEK! Congratulations, Travis!

**Coming to Southern Bay Race Week** (May 30-31 & June 1), **Ron Medlin's Bash**, is fresh off having won the 13 boat J/24 fleet at Charleston Race Week. His regatta string was 10-1-1-1-6-1, earning him "comeback kid" accolades as he won his fleet, beating the 2nd place overall finisher by 4 points (after throwing out the 10th place first race).

Up on the Rappahannock, **FBYC Spring Series** races 3 and 4 solidified the fleet leaders' positions. **Brad Davis**, *Blade Runner*, took two 1st in PHRF A and so did **Jerry Latell**, *Boomerang*, in PHRF BC. **Dick Cole** in *Nutcracker* continues to lead the Non-Spin fleet. PRO - Noel Clinard. The Fishing Bay Spring Series takes a break this coming weekend and concludes on May 10th. For info contact Mike Dale at (804) 347-7409.

**High School Up-Date:** From **Cameron Barclift** comes word that **Norfolk Collegiate's sailing team** was successful at this past weekend high school national qualifiers. Go, Oaks!

**Yankee Point Yacht Club has come up with a new way to encourage neophytes to race** - Saturday, they set up a **Rookie Race**. Each boat had a newbie-crewbie on board and the scoring was based on starts, finishes, and mark roundings. Great idea! Thanks go to **Shawn McCartney** for sharing it.

**International 505's and Hampton One-Design's are invited to the annual Hampton Trapeze Regatta on May 17-18.** The HOD class will sail only on Sunday, while the 505's will go at one another for both days of the weekend. Races will be sailed in the vicinity of Hampton Flats. For info contact Henry Amthor at (757) 722-8377 (email = [hamthor@hudgetscontracting.com](mailto:hamthor@hudgetscontracting.com)) or Tyler Moore at (757) 726-2130 (email = [tylermoore@verizon.net](mailto:tylermoore@verizon.net))

**US Sailors Warm-Up Well for August Olympics:** From southern Bay expatriate, **Derby Anderson**, comes word of former ODU All American, **Anna Tunnicliffe** and some of her mates who won silver medals at the

French Olympic Sailing Week in Hyeres. Derby's report said, *"Anna Tunnicliffe clung to second place in the Laser Radial class, with the 2007 International Sailing Federation's Rolex World Sailor of the Year nominee Evi Van Ecker of Belgium only one point behind in the final standings. Over the nine-race series, Tunnicliffe's worst score was only an eleventh. She had the lowest dropped score in the 78-boat class. Sarah Blanck of Australia earned first place and finished all but one race in the top four."* The American performances at Hyeres are reason for optimism regarding the Olympics in China in Qingdao.

**MURPHY'S LAW:** Word is that, in an attempt to make things simpler, government agencies, including the USCG, have decided that the term "personal floatation device" or PFD will no longer be used when referring to life preserving vests. Instead, they will refer to them as life vests (or words to that effect). Dagnabit! Just when we had mastered the spelling of P-F-D! /S/ *Murphy the Racing Beagle, the sailing spirit in us all.*

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