

Dig out your high heel boat shoes for Southern Bay Race Week. On Friday night Sojourn will provide the live music and on Saturday night dance some more to Take 3.

When you head for the **Virginia In-Water Boat Expo and Sailfest** this Fall (September 14-16) at Norfolk's Waterside, take your US SAILING card with you - USSA members will be entitled to a free second ticket (applies to any kind of pass you purchase at all upcoming Strictly Sail and SailFest events for the next year).

The Hampton **Blackbeard Pirate Festival** will be taking place the same weekend as Southern Bay Race Week. That's lots of fun for racers' families and friends who are not sailing during the day, as well as fun for racers after the post-race parties. You may run into Blackbeard himself (you'll recognize him by the lighted candles burning in his beard) and/or other characters from the 1700's pirate era.

Ben Butler arrives on the scene. Second son of Mike and Natalie Butler was born the night of last week's tornado. Mike, who has been around the southern Bay racing scene for a number of years, raced on *Sugar Bear* and, more recently, *Mirage*. The story goes, that Pappa Mike ran back and forth between home in Suffolk (where Nataillie's mom was with the #1 son) and Natalie in the hospital. All are well.

MURPHY'S LAW: Ben Butler - wasn't he the sailor in that racing movie, "Gone with the Wind"? /S/
Murphy the Racing Beagle, the sailing spirit in us all.

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